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Crop Insurance Group to Accept Applications for New Members

WASHINGTON (October 21, 2010)—The Crop Insurance Professionals Association (CIPA) announced today that it would accept membership applications from agent colleagues as the group prepares for the upcoming Farm Bill debate.

CIPA will consider all agents who meet a strict criterion of personal and professional integrity, in depth knowledge of crop insurance, and have a strong grasp of legislative and regulatory policies and procedure.

Each new member will be granted access to an otherwise restricted area of the CIPA website, as well as an extensive national directory of fellow agents. Members will also receive monthly newsletters and important updates regarding the legislative and regulatory landscape affecting crop insurance.

“With the 2012 Farm Bill – and all its challenges and opportunities – we want to build upon the momentum that CIPA has generated in order to make our organization an even greater force for agents and crop insurance going forward. How do we do this? It begins with a strong membership base,” said CIPA Chairman, Ronnie Holt.

CIPA’s membership has been kept to a close knit group of colleagues to ensure that agent members have the opportunity to build close, working relationships with one another and advance causes of mutual concern and interest. Members are encouraged to actively participate through committee discussions and regular meetings, which allows CIPA to gain perspective from voices across the country.

“The crop insurance system has navigated some rough waters in recent years and if we’re going to weather the storm it will require collaboration of the industry’s best and brightest minds,” said Larry Combest, former House Agriculture Committee Chair and current representative for CIPA in Washington, D.C. “It is essential that crop insurance remains strong.”

The current House Agriculture Committee Chair, Collin Peterson, appears to agree. At a recent discussion about the issues currently facing the agricultural community of Stephen, Minnesota, Peterson counted crop insurance among the biggest. “The No. 1 thing we heard around the country was the most important part of the safety net is crop insurance. If you don’t protect yourself, you’re on your own.”

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