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To the Board of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC):

The National Pork Producers Council and the undersigned State Pork Organizations write in support of proposed improvements/modifications to the Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) program.

As the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic have played out, pork producers have encountered significant, unprecedented challenges to their operations, as well as the entire industry. Producers and the industry in general have and continue to deal with volatility throughout the marketplace. Adoption of the proposed improvements/modifications will be beneficial to the pork industry and allow producers enhanced risk management options.

Proposed changes to the LRP, including allowing coverage periods to be extended to 52 weeks, and ideally having no head limit, coupled with further increased subsidy premium levels will significantly improve the attractiveness of swine LRP as a risk management option for producers.

We appreciate the consideration of these enhancements and would ask that the FCIC Board approve these improvements as soon as practical.

Respectfully,

National Pork Producers Council
California Pork Producers Association
Colorado Pork Producers Council
Illinois Pork Producers Association
Indiana Pork Producers Association
Iowa Pork Producers Association
Kansas Pork Association
Kentucky Pork Producers Association
Michigan Pork Producers Association
Minnesota Pork Producers Association
Mississippi Pork Producers Association
Missouri Pork Association
Montana Pork Producers Council
Nebraska Pork Producers Association, Inc.
New York Pork Producers Cooperative, Inc.
North Carolina Pork Council
North Dakota Pork Council
Ohio Pork Council
Oklahoma Pork Council
Oregon Pork Producers
Pork Producers of Pennsylvania
South Carolina Pork Board
South Dakota Pork Producers Council
Texas Pork Producers Association
Utah Pork Producers
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