

Cause of Loss Information – Summary of Business Data

The following table contains the elements included in the Cause of Loss Summary of Business files that are available for download via the RMA Public Web Site. The files are created in a comma delimited format.

The Format column specifies the maximum length and data type for each of the elements. A format of 9 indicates that the value can only be numeric, while a format of X can be alpha-numeric values. Decimal formats will include a V with the number of places to the right of the decimal specified to the left of the V, while the decimal precision is specified to the right of the V (e.g. 9(08)V9(02) would be 00000000.00). An S as the first character in the specification of format, indicates that the value in that element can contain negatives when applicable. The Logical Record Length (LRECL) is 239.

	Element Name	Column	Format	Description
1	Crop Year Identifier	1 – 4	9(04)	The identifier that represents the year in which the crop is normally harvested and indicates the policy year for which coverage was provided.
2	State Code	6 – 7	9(02)	The FIPS code that denotes the State in which the insured farm is located.
3	State Abbreviation	9 – 10	X(02)	USPS state abbreviation
4	County Code	12 – 14	9(03)	The FIPS code that denotes the County in which the insured farm is located.
5	County Name	16 – 50	X(35)	Name of the county.
6	Crop Code	52 – 55	9(04)	The Risk Management Agency (RMA) code that denotes the crop for which the policy is issued.
7	Crop Name	57 – 96	X(40)	Name of the crop
8	Insurance Plan Code	98 – 99	9(02)	Code that denotes the type of insurance coverage is selected for the insured crop (e.g.APH, Revenue, Dollar, etc.)
9	Insurance Plan Name Abbreviation	101 – 105	X(05)	Abbreviation of the Insurance Plan Name
10	Coverage Category	107	X(01)	Code that identifies the category of coverage elected : A = Buyup ; C = CAT
11	Cause of Loss Code	109 – 110	9(02)	The RMA code that identifies the peril that caused the loss on the crop
12	Cause of Loss Description	112 – 146	X(35)	Description of the cause of loss.

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	Element Name	Column	Format	Description
13	Month of Loss	148 – 149	9(02)	Month when the loss occurred
14	Policies Earning Premium	151 – 159	9(09)	Count of the number of crop policies with premium NOTE : Not available for years prior to 1989.
15	Policies Indemnified	161 – 169	9(09)	Count of the number of crop policies with a reported loss
16	Net Planted Acres	171 – 180	9(10)	Number of acres planted to the crop after the insured's share is applied.
17	Liability	182 – 193	9(12)	The maximum dollar amount of insurance for the crop
18	Total Premium	195 – 206	9(12)	Premium before application of any subsidies. In general, the base premium rates times liability (Also called the base premium)
19	Subsidy	208 – 219	9(12)	Amount of subsidized premium.
20	Indemnity Amount	221 – 232	9(12)	The total amount of the loss for the designated peril.
21	Loss Ratio	234 – 239	9(4)V9(02)	Calculated: Indemnity / Total Premium.