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World News Summary from AgrolInsurance

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Dear Colleagues,

AgrolInsurance International presents your monthly news summary, which highlights important issues on agricultural losses, risk events and recent trends in agricultural insurance worldwide.

We wish you a great day!

Live webinar event - Drones: Technology enhancing agricultural insurance

Join us on Tuesday, June 9 at 9:00 am (GMT+3) for a webinar dedicated to using drones in agricultural insurance. Ian Shynkarenko, CEO of AgrolInsurance, will moderate the webinar with invited panelists: Victor Yermak (CEO skyglyph), and Roman Shynkarenko (Technical Director, AgrolInsurance), and will discuss both current applications and future opportunities for drones in agricultural insurance.

The webinar will cover the main technological and operational aspects of using drones in agricultural insurance, providing classification of drones and key challenges of the drone industry: regulatory environment, certification, operation specifics for various needs and challenges of practical applications. Webinar speakers will also provide examples on practical business models with corresponding use cases.

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Georgia – Agro-insurance program enrollment 40% higher than last year

As of April 2020, the number of policies issued under the program coverage was equal to 7,990, which is 40% higher than for the same period a year ago. The area insured reached more than 7,544 ha and the sum insured exceeded GEL 74 million (~23.3 million USD). For all crops the premium subsidy remains 70%, and for vines – 50%. The insurance policy covers the following risks: hail, floods, hurricanes, autumn frosts.

Only officially registered land plots with the Public Registry are subject to subsidized insurance cover. All individuals or legal entities renting agricultural production land of up to 5 ha (in case of wheat no more than 30 ha) can participate in the crop insurance program. In the case of an agricultural cooperative, the amount of the state-subsidized premium provided shall not exceed GEL 50,000 (~15,700 USD).

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Hungary - Govt introducing agricultural crisis insurance scheme

The government is introducing an agricultural crisis insurance scheme to address recent market difficulties in the sector and challenges in the near future, including the current market and economic conditions caused by the coronavirus epidemic. The bill on this was submitted to the Parliament by Minister of Agriculture.

Domestic agricultural risk management currently addresses the weather challenges of crop production with three overlapping elements. With the introduction of the new fourth pillar, producers will also be able to cover their losses due to market disturbances, falling prices or animal and plant diseases, the ministry says.

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USA - USDA will provide \$2.1b in direct payments to specialty crop producers

As part of the Coronavirus Farm Assistance Program, the USDA announced that it will provide up to \$2.1 billion in direct payments to specialty crops producers. The payments will be based on losses where prices and market supply chains have been impacted and will help producers facing additional adjustment and marketing costs resulting from lost demand and short-term oversupply for the 2020 marketing year as a result of COVID-19.

The payments are one of several measures USDA is taking to support specialty crops industry which has been greatly impacted by the COVID-19 national emergency. In addition to the direct payments, USDA has implemented the Farmers to Families Food Box Program. USDA will also make an additional \$873.3 million in Section 32 purchases of specialty crops products for distribution to food banks.

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Israel - Heatwave causes millions in damage to crops

The agricultural damage caused by the current heavy heatwave in Israel is expected to amount to tens of millions of shekels, a spokesperson for the KANAT Insurance Fund for Natural Risks in Agriculture said. Initial assessments predict damage of over NIS 30 million but it is still too early to determine the extent of the final damage to crops.

The foundation has received dozens of messages regarding damage to various crops from the heavy heat load from all regions of the country, including the south of Ramat Hagolan, the upper Hagalil, central Israel and southern Israel. Most of the damage is due to heat damage affecting fruits and vegetables, which will lead to a significant decrease in the volume of future crop yield, including tomatoes, peppers, citrus fruits, avocados and watermelons.

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Thailand - Govt approves US\$10m maize insurance project

The Thai Cabinet has approved a maize insurance project estimated to cost THB 313.98 million (\$9.8 million) that would cover a target area of 3 million rai (480,000 ha), to mitigate the effects of natural disasters. The Cabinet has assigned the Office of Insurance Commission (OIC) to oversee the maize insurance policy in accordance with its resolution.

Seventeen insurance companies are participating in the project which will run from 12-31 May 2020 and from 1 Oct 2020 to 15 January 2021. The maize insurance project follows a rice insurance scheme for the 2020 season approved earlier this year by the National Rice Policy Committee that is worth THB 2.91 billion and aiming to cover 44.7 million rai of farmland.

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Rwanda - Govt to insure more crops as farmers bear negative impacts of floods

Following disasters that continue to destroy farmers' crops and kill domestic animals, the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources has said that it is going to subsidize insurance cost for more crops and livestock so as to cushion farmers against losses. Farmers are victims of floods as their crops were not insured.

Rice farms were affected after River Mukungwa broke its barriers and destroyed farms and considering farmers did not have crop insurance, they have totally counted losses. Over 3,117 hectares of crops have been devastated by disasters mainly floods across the country which also killed 3,227 domestic animals including 60 cows in the first four months of this year.

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India - Two more states opt out of PM crop insurance scheme

Telangana and Jharkhand have opted out of the crop insurance scheme, saying the premium is too high.

Premium increased 2-3% after the scheme was made voluntary for farmers. More than 6 million farmers from these two states had enrolled for the scheme. West Bengal, Bihar, Punjab and Andhra Pradesh have already exited, and officials said Rajasthan and Maharashtra were debating whether to continue with the scheme.

Under the crop insurance scheme, farmers contribute up to 2% of the total premium while the rest is shared equally between the state and the centre. Under the new insurance scheme, the provision that caps the central subsidy in the premium rates to 30% for unirrigated areas and 25% for irrigated areas has also discouraged states.

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Bangladesh - Green Delta initiates index-based crop insurance

Green Delta Insurance Company has initiated index-based crop insurance in flood prone Haor area as a tool for risk mitigation of the community. To transform these plans into reality Green Delta Insurance Company Limited and its distribution channel partner OXFAM Bangladesh and local associate Sancred Welfare Foundation have insured 316 Farmers of Tahirpur, Sunamganj area under Index-Based Crop Insurance recently as a pilot basis.

To mitigate the risks of the farmers arising from excessive rainfall and river flood Green Delta will provide this insurance service to the farmers. In case of crop damage under this coverage, the insured farmers can get the insurance claim depending on the extent of excess rainfall and the height and stability of the floodwater causing by river flood.

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