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### **Meridian Institute's AGree Initiative Commends New Federal Crop Insurance Option for Corn Farmers Who 'Split-Apply' Nitrogen**

*Crop Insurance is Central to Building Resilience for Farmers and Producers*

Washington, DC -- Today, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced it will offer [Post Application Coverage Endorsement \(PACE\)](#) in certain states for non-irrigated corn. Deborah Atwood, Meridian Institute Senior Fellow and Executive Director of AGree, released the following statement:

"The Federal Crop Insurance Program is a powerful tool for managing risk and ensuring the viability of American agriculture. We applaud the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board for approving PACE and the Biden Administration, Secretary Vilsack, and RMA for their leadership on climate-smart agriculture. Once it is available, this new insurance product will be a valuable tool for corn farmers across the Midwest as they adapt to changing conditions and on-farm data that shows the benefits of split-nitrogen application. We must continue to follow the data and science to ensure that the nation's agriculture sector is resilient and strong for the long-term."

PACE was developed by the Illinois Corn Growers Association, National Corn Growers Association, Ag-Analytics Technology Company, Meridian Institute, and others and submitted to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation under provisions in the law allowing for private development of new crop insurance products. More details on PACE will be made available by RMA and Approved Insurance Providers in the coming months.

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