

Meeting Date: November 16, 2021

Agenda Item No. 10

Agenda Item: Crop Depredation Update
(Information only)

Bureau Chief Approval: mw

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Background:

The number and amount of crop depredation claims, to the Department, has been increasing over the last few years. This has resulted in a situation in which the amount owned, exceeds the funds within the depredation compensation accounts. When this occurs the Department is legally required to prorate payments to agricultural producers.

This presentation will provide a summary of recent crop depredation claims, claim trends, changes in crop rotation and commodity prices over the past few years. We will also discuss the Department's continuing efforts to alleviate claims, along with legislative changes to the depredation compensation program (2017 House Bill 230), and efforts made by the Department to facilitate the claims process.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

Idaho Code 36-1108 and 36-115 provide direction to the Department relative to addressing big game damage complaints and damage claim compensation.

Public Involvement Process:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

No action requested; information only.

Justification:

N/A

Action Requested:

N/A