

Referendum to Establish a Texas Grain Indemnity Fund
Vote at Extension Office, December 5-9, 2016

The Texas Legislature has acted to allow the Texas Commissioner of Agriculture to conduct a referendum whether to establish a grain indemnity fund for the state of Texas. The purpose of the fund is to indemnify corn, grain sorghum, wheat, and soybean producers as a result of the failure of a grain buyer. If passed, producers of these four crops would pay 0.2% of the gross sales price of grain to the Texas Grain Producers Indemnity Board. Assessments would begin February 1, 2017.

Persons eligible to vote are landowners and producers who have produced corn, grain sorghum, wheat, or soybeans in the last 36 months preceding the close of voting.

Voting will be held at local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension County offices from December 5 – 9, 2016. Your local Dallam & Hartley County Extension Office is located at 401 Denrock Ave. in Dalhart. Office hours are M-F, 9:00am-5pm. The office will remain open over the lunch hour to accommodate producers who need to stop by and vote then. The phone number of the office is 806-244-4434. If you need more information, please go to <https://texasagriculture.gov/Home/ProductionAgriculture/TexasGrainProducersIndemnityBoard> or stop by your local Extension Office for fact sheets. If unable to access an AgriLife Extension Office, ballots may be requested from the Texas Department of Agriculture by calling (800)835-5832. Ballots cast by mail should be postmarked no later than December 9, 2016.