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Susan Penix Fitzsimmons, the reinsurance industry appointee from Los Angeles, California, is responsible for the Specialty Crops, Named Peril, Livestock and Aquaculture coverages for Insurance Corporation of Hannover, a leading private crop reinsurer. Her main duties for the last four years include underwriting the MPCCI and Crop Hail programs. While at Hannover, she served on the FCIC Aquaculture Committee.

Before joining Hannover, she developed and conducted nationwide crop loss adjustment and underwriting training for three years with the National Crop Insurance Services. Working with the FCIC Committee for Manual 13, she assisted in revising MPCCI training guidelines.

Ms. Fitzsimmons has more than 20 years of experience in the field of Agriculture. While on the faculty of the University of Illinois, she worked with the Pesticide Safety Program, teaching Identification of Crop Losses.

At the University of Missouri, Susan conducted research on the control of wheat scab for her Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship. She received her Ph.D. in Plant Sciences from the University of Arkansas while testing the effects of disease on wheat and other small grain varieties.

Susan began her career in agriculture by pursuing her Master's degree at Arkansas State University. While there, she worked in livestock and conducted tests on pasture and forage crops. Her thesis outlined the use of forages for erosion control.

Professional organizations include her recent election to chair the American Phytopathological Society's Plant Disease Losses Committee.