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**TO:** All Approved Insurance Providers  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Brandon C. Willis /s/ *Brandon Willis* 9-4-2014  
Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Agricultural Act of 2014 – Noninsured Crop Assistance Program

**BACKGROUND:**

Section 12305 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill), enacted on February 7, 2014, included the following changes to the Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP):

SEC. 12305. NONINSURED CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. “(3) ADDITIONAL AVAILABILITY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after October 1, 2013, the Secretary shall make assistance available to producers of an otherwise eligible crop described in subsection (a)(2) that suffered losses—

“(i) to a 2012 annual fruit crop grown on a bush or tree; and

“(ii) in a county covered by a declaration by the Secretary of a natural disaster for production losses due to a freeze or frost.

This section applies to producers of eligible crops for which no catastrophic risk protection under section 508(b) is available, or for which additional coverage under subsections (c) and (h) of section 508 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act) is not available. Crops insured as pilot programs approved under section 523 of the Act would be considered eligible crops for NAP. However, if a producer who is eligible to receive benefits under NAP is also eligible to receive assistance for the same loss under any other program administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, such as the Actual Revenue History (ARH) Sweet Cherry Pilot Program, the producer is required to elect whether to receive benefits under NAP or under the ARH Sweet Cherry Pilot Program, but not both.

**ACTION:**

Policyholders, who meet the above stated criteria, such as those insured under the ARH Cherry Pilot Program for the 2012 crop year, may choose to receive benefits under NAP for their 2012 crop year losses. However, to do so they will be required to return any indemnity payments they may have already received. Policyholders will still be required to pay premium and administrative fees that were earned and are payable.

Approved Insurance Providers are required to accept a repayment of an indemnity back from any policyholder who chooses to return such payment so they can receive a benefit for the 2012 crop year under NAP.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2014