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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* 11/30/2016
Administrator

SUBJECT: Conversion of Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Crop
Insurance Products from Pilot to Permanent Status

BACKGROUND:

FCIC identifies pilot programs as those being tested to determine whether they are accepted by producers as effective and affordable risk management tools and to assure they are actuarially sound. Once testing is complete, the FCIC Board of Directors (Board) votes whether to make the program permanent in accordance with procedures found in the document titled Risk Management Agency Permanent and Pilot Designations at www.rma.usda.gov/policies/2017policy.html. Upon Board approval, the Risk Management Agency (RMA) will notify the public that the program is permanent, and the effective crop year of permanent status following notification.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) uses the RMA designation of pilot or permanent program in their consideration of Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) availability. NAP availability is not impacted until the subsequent year if the RMA notification of conversion to permanent status is issued less than 90 days before the next NAP application date. NAP availability will solely be determined by the FSA.

ACTION:

The following FCIC product(s), associated with the Florida Fruit Tree policy, have been determined by the Board to be permanent and are being converted from pilot program status to permanent program status for the crop year listed below: (Note: NAP is not available for trees, so the conversion of the crops in this table has no impact on NAP.)

| Crop Code | FCIC Crop Name | Product Contract Change Date (CCD) | Sales Closing Date |
|------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 0207 | Orange Trees - Florida | 01/31/2017 (2018 Crop Year) | 4/15 |
| 0208 | Grapefruit Trees - Florida | 01/31/2017 (2018 Crop Year) | 4/15 |
| 0209 | Lemon Trees - Florida | 01/31/2017 (2018 Crop Year) | 4/15 |
| 0210 | Lime Trees - Florida | 01/31/2017 (2018 Crop Year) | 4/15 |
| 0211 | All Other Citrus Trees - Florida | 01/31/2017 (2018 Crop Year) | 4/15 |

| Crop Code | FCIC Crop Name | Product Contract Change Date (CCD) | Sales Closing Date |
|------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 0212 | Avocado Trees - Florida | 01/31/2017 (2018 Crop Year) | 4/15 |
| 0213 | Carambola Trees - Florida | 01/31/2017 (2018 Crop Year) | 4/15 |
| 0214 | Mango Trees - Florida | 01/31/2017 (2018 Crop Year) | 4/15 |

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2019