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

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Administrator

SUBJECT: Conversion of the Hawaii Tropical Fruit and Tree Programs to
Permanent Status

BACKGROUND:

The Hawaii Tropical Fruit and Tree Crop Insurance Programs have been piloted to determine acceptance by producers as effective and affordable risk management tools and to assure the programs are actuarially sound. The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board of Directors (Board) granted approval for the conversion of these programs from pilot to permanent status based on the favorable pilot program experience.

In accordance with procedures found in the document titled Risk Management Agency Permanent and Pilot Designations at www.rma.usda.gov/policies/2017policy.html, notification establishing the program as permanent will be published on the Risk Management Agency (RMA) website and provided to the Farm Service Agency (FSA), including the effective crop year of permanent status.

The 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 Hawaii fruit and tree policies were determined by the Board to be permanent after the pilot testing was complete. These programs are now being converted to permanent program status for the crop year listed below:

| Crop Code | FCIC Crop Name | Contract Change Date | Effective Crop Year | Sales Closing Date |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 0255 | Banana | 01/31/2019 | Crop Year 2019 | 05/31/2019 |
| 0265 | Banana Tree | 09/30/2018 | Crop Year 2019 | 12/31/2018 |
| 0256 | Coffee | 09/30/2018 | Crop Year 2019 | 12/31/2018 |
| 0266 | Coffee Tree | 09/30/2018 | Crop Year 2019 | 12/31/2018 |
| 0257 | Papaya | 01/31/2019 | Crop Year 2019 | 05/31/2019 |
| 0267 | Papaya Tree | 09/30/2018 | Crop Year 2019 | 12/31/2018 |

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2021