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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-13-036**

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

**FROM:** Tim B. Witt /s/Rodger M. Matthews, for.  
Deputy Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Arizona-California Citrus Crop Provisions for the 2015 and  
Succeeding Crop Years

**BACKGROUND:**

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has revised the Arizona-California Citrus Crop Provisions (15-0126) for the 2015 and succeeding crop years. The provisions were revised to: standardize terminology; allow optional units by commodity type if authorized by the Special Provisions; expand insurable causes of loss for fruit damaged by insects and disease (unless damage is due to insufficient or improper application of control measures); and clarify insurability requirements for topworked and grafted trees.

As part of the effort to standardize terminology, the definition of “crop” has been replaced by a definition of “citrus fruit commodity.” Under this new definition, some of the “citrus fruit commodities” have been given new designations, which have resulted in several of the previous “crops” being combined under one of the new “citrus fruit commodities.” Table 1 lists the previous “crop” names for the 2014 and prior crop years in the first column, while the second column lists the new “citrus fruit commodity” names for the 2015 and succeeding crop years.

The “citrus fruit commodities” have been divided into “citrus fruit groups” through the Special Provisions. The “citrus fruit groups” are now the basis for electing coverage levels and determining the insured crop. The “citrus fruit groups” have been established in order to keep the basis for coverage levels, basic units, and administrative fees for the 2015 and succeeding crop years as similar as possible to the basis for the 2014 and prior crop years. Table 2 lists the “citrus fruit groups” under the new citrus fruit commodities.

Please refer to the Arizona-California Citrus Crop Provisions and Special Provisions for more information.

**ACTION:**

RMA will place, by close of business today, the new Arizona-California Citrus Crop Provisions and Summary of Changes on the RMA Web site at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies>. Carryover policyholders are not required to complete a new application as a result of the changes in terminology. Policy documents (e.g., acreage report) issued subsequent to this memorandum must include the new Citrus Fruit Group and Citrus Fruit Commodity name.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Bing or Shaun Collins, Product Administration and Standards Division, at (816) 926-7730.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2013

**Table 1. Conversion chart for determining the new citrus fruit commodity names based on the previous citrus fruit crop names.**

<b>Citrus Fruit Crop Names 2014 and Prior</b>	<b>Citrus Fruit Commodity Names beginning in 2015</b>
Grapefruit	Grapefruit
Lemons	Lemons
Sweet Oranges	Oranges
Navel Oranges	Oranges
Valencia Oranges	Oranges
Mandarins	Mandarins/Tangerines
Minneola Tangelos	Tangelos
Orlando Tangelos	Tangelos

**Table 2. Citrus fruit groups under the new citrus fruit commodities effective for the 2015 and succeeding crop years unless modified through the Special Provisions.**

Grapefruit

- No commodity type specified

Lemons

- No commodity type specified

Oranges

- Sweet
- Navel
- Valencia

Mandarins/Tangerines

- Clementine, W. Murcott, and All Other

Tangelos

- Minneola/Honeybell
- Orlando