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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-13-052

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

FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/*Tim B. Witt*
Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Research the Feasibility and Development of
Improvements to the Forage Insurance Program

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1522(c)(1)(C)) requires the Risk Management Agency (RMA) enter into contracts to carry out research and development.

The Act (7 U.S.C. 1522(c)(2)(B)) also requires that RMA consult with groups representing producers of agricultural commodities that would be served by the policies that are the subject of research and development efforts. RMA has had meetings and discussions with representatives of the forage industry and forage producers and is seeking additional input from anyone who may be interested in providing information related to improvements to the forage crop insurance program. RMA is planning to pursue research into the feasibility of insuring quality and revenue for forage.

ACTION:

RMA plans to solicit a contract for determining the feasibility of developing a crop insurance product(s) to cover quality and revenue for forage production.

RMA is interested in input from producers, the forage industry, or other interested parties about any relevant issues that should be considered when carrying out the feasibility and research for potential program development. Any information pertaining to market impacts, the type of insurance most suitable for the crop, or impact on crop production would be beneficial. We are also interested in information regarding whether there are private sector insurance products available that cover forage production.

Please address correspondence related to the planned research and feasibility for potential program development by December 20, 2013 to Eric Henry, Product Administration and Standards Branch at Eric.Henry@rma.usda.gov or by mail to:

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December 31, 2013