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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-14-044**

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Area Risk Protection Insurance Rice Pilot Program - 2015 and Succeeding  
Crop Years

**BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board of Directors approved the implementation of a new Area Risk Protection Insurance (ARPI) Pilot plan of insurance for rice. The program is designed to offer rice producers a choice of Area Revenue Protection, Area Revenue Protection with the Harvest Price Exclusion, or Area Yield Protection.

The ARPI Rice program is available in select counties in Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Similar to other crops currently covered by ARPI, this pilot program protects rice growers against widespread loss of revenue or widespread loss of yield in a county.

Please refer to the ARPI Basic Provisions and ARPI Rice Pilot Crop Provisions for complete information.

**ACTION:**

RMA will place, by close of business today, the Area Risk Protection Insurance Rice Pilot Crop Provisions on the RMA Web site at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies>.

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

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2014.