

November 20, 2014 United States **Department of** Agriculture **INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-14-054** Farm and Foreign TO: All Approved Insurance Providers Agricultural Services All Risk Management Agency Field Offices All Other Interested Parties Risk Management Agency FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/Rodger M. Matthews, for. **Deputy Administrator** Beacon Facility Mail Stop 0801 P.O. Box 419205 SUBJECT: Area Risk Protection Insurance Popcorn Program - 2015 and Succeeding Crop Kansas City, Years MO 64141-6205

BACKGROUND:

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

The ARPI Popcorn program is available in select counties in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Similar to other crops currently covered by ARPI, this program protects popcorn growers against widespread loss of revenue or widespread loss of yield in a county.

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

ACTION:

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

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

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2014.