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Risk Management Agency

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## **INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-15-030**

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:** Expansion of the Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Plan of Insurance for the

2016 and Succeeding Crop Years

## **BACKGROUND:**

On February 5, 2015, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board of Directors approved the expansion of the Rainfall Index-Annual Forage (RI-AF) plan of insurance to all counties in Colorado. The RI-AF plan is a privately developed product approved under section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act. The RI-AF plan of insurance offers protection for annually planted crops used for feed or fodder under the Rainfall and Vegetation Index Plan Insurance Basic Provisions.

## **ACTION:**

RI-AF is expanded to all counties in Colorado beginning with the 2016 crop year. The RI-AF materials will be available by close of business today, and may be accessed on the RMA website at: www.rma.usda.gov/policies/ri-vi/

Producers interested in purchasing an Annual Forage program must contact a crop insurance agent and complete an application that will be submitted through an Approved Insurance Provider (AIP). A list of crop insurance agents authorized by AIPs to write crop insurance is on the Risk Management Agency website at: http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html

## **DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2016.