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

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SUBJECT: 2015 Crop Year (CY) **Common Crop Insurance Policy** Harvest Prices, 2016 CY **Common Crop Insurance Policy** and **Area Risk Protection Insurance** Projected Prices and Volatility Factors, 2016 CY **Margin Protection Plan** Projected Prices and Volatility Factors, and the 2016 CY **Malt Barley Endorsement** Projected Price Component and Volatility Factor

Common Crop Insurance Policy & Area Risk Protection Insurance ¹

The 2015 CY **harvest prices** shown below are approved for the following plans of insurance: Revenue Protection, Area Revenue Protection, Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion, and Area Revenue Protection - Harvest Price Exclusion. The harvest prices are applicable for the crop, sales closing date, states, and practices indicated in the following table.

Crop/Sales Closing Date/ State/Practice	Exchange	Contract	Harvest Price
Corn <i>February 28 Sales Closing Date</i> Arkansas & Mississippi	CBOT	December Corn	\$3.75bushel
Corn - Organic Practice <i>February 28 Sales Closing Date</i> Arkansas & Mississippi	CBOT	December Corn	\$7.06/bushel

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The 2016 CY **projected prices** shown below are approved for the Yield Protection, Area Yield Protection, Revenue Protection, Area Revenue Protection, Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion and Area Revenue Protection - Harvest Price Exclusion plans of insurance. The 2016 CY **volatility factors** shown below are approved for the Revenue Protection, Area Revenue Protection, Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion and Area Revenue Protection - Harvest Price Exclusion plans of insurance. The projected prices and volatility factors are applicable for the crops, sales closing dates, states, and types indicated in the following table.

Crop/Sales Closing Date/ State/Type	Exchange	Contract	Projected Price	Volatility Factor
Barley <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Colorado (Winter types), Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas (Winter type), Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas & Virginia	CBOT	July Corn	\$3.47/bushel	0.23
Barley – Organic Practice <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Colorado (Winter types), Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas (Winter type), Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas & Virginia	CBOT	July Corn	\$6.36/bushel	0.23

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Crop/Sales Closing Date/ State/Type	Exchange	Contract	Projected Price	Volatility Factor
Barley <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> New York (Winter type), Pennsylvania (Winter type) & West Virginia	CBOT	September Corn	\$3.43/bushel	0.23
Barley – Organic Practice <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> New York (Winter type), Pennsylvania (Winter type) & West Virginia	CBOT	September Corn	\$6.28/bushel	0.23
Barley <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Idaho (Winter types), Oregon (Winter types) & Washington (Winter types)	CBOT	September Corn	\$3.43/bushel	0.24
Barley – Organic Practice <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Idaho (Winter types), Oregon (Winter types) & Washington (Winter types)	CBOT	September Corn	\$6.28/bushel	0.24
Barley <i>March 15 Sales Closing Date</i> Idaho (Winter types w/o Winter Coverage Endorsement), Oregon (Winter types w/o Winter Coverage Endorsement) & Washington (Winter types w/o Winter Coverage Endorsement)	CBOT	September Corn	\$3.43/bushel	0.24
Barley – Organic Practice <i>March 15 Sales Closing Date</i> Idaho (Winter types w/o Winter Coverage Endorsement), Oregon (Winter types w/o Winter Coverage Endorsement) & Washington (Winter types w/o Winter Coverage Endorsement)	CBOT	September Corn	\$6.28/bushel	0.24

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Canola - Canola Type <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina & Tennessee	ICE	July Canola	\$0.163/pound	0.15
Canola - Rapeseed Type <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina & Tennessee	ICE	July Canola	\$0.198/pound	0.00
Wheat <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina & Tennessee	CBOT	July SRW Wheat	\$5.04/bushel	0.23
Wheat – Organic Practice <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina & Tennessee	CBOT	July SRW Wheat	\$9.30/bushel	0.23
Wheat <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa (Winter), Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia & West Virginia	CBOT	September SRW Wheat	\$5.13/bushel	0.24
Wheat – Organic Practice <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa (Winter), Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia & West Virginia	CBOT	September SRW Wheat	\$9.47/bushel	0.24

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Wheat <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Wisconsin (Winter)	CBOT	September SRW Wheat	\$5.13/bushel	0.25
Wheat – Organic Practice <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Wisconsin (Winter)	CBOT	September SRW Wheat	\$9.47/bushel	0.25
Wheat <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma & Texas	KCBT	July HRW Wheat	\$5.20/bushel	0.22
Wheat – Organic Practice <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma & Texas	KCBT	July HRW Wheat	\$9.60/bushel	0.22
Wheat <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Colorado (Winter), Nebraska (Winter) & South Dakota (Winter)	KCBT	September HRW Wheat	\$5.34/bushel	0.23
Wheat – Organic Practice <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Colorado (Winter), Nebraska (Winter) & South Dakota (Winter)	KCBT	September HRW Wheat	\$9.86/bushel	0.23
Wheat <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Montana (Winter) & Wyoming (Winter)	KCBT	September HRW Wheat	\$5.34/bushel	0.24
Wheat – Organic Practice <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Montana (Winter) & Wyoming (Winter)	KCBT	September HRW Wheat	\$9.86/bushel	0.24

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Wheat <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> California (Winter), Idaho (Winter), Oregon (Winter) & Washington (Winter)	CBOT	September SRW Wheat with PME Adjustment	\$5.63/bushel	0.25
Wheat – Organic Practice <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> California (Winter), Idaho (Winter), Oregon (Winter) & Washington (Winter)	CBOT	September SRW Wheat with PME Adjustment	\$10.39/bushel	0.25
Wheat <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Idaho (Spring), Oregon (Spring)* & Washington (Spring) <i>* The 2016 CY projected price for Klamath County, Oregon – Spring type will be derived at a later date, using a February 2016 projected price discovery period.</i>	MGE	September HRS Wheat	\$5.61/bushel	0.23
Wheat – Organic Practice <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> Idaho (Spring), Oregon (Spring)* & Washington (Spring) <i>* The 2016 CY projected price for Klamath County, Oregon – Spring type will be derived at a later date, using a February 2016 projected price discovery period.</i>	MGE	September HRS Wheat	\$10.36/bushel	0.23
Wheat <i>October 31 Sales Closing Date</i> Nevada (Winter) & Utah (Winter)	CBOT	September SRW Wheat with PME Adjustment	\$5.63/bushel	0.25
Wheat – Organic Practice <i>October 31 Sales Closing Date</i> Nevada (Winter) & Utah (Winter)	CBOT	September SRW Wheat with PME Adjustment	\$10.39/bushel	0.25

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Wheat <i>October 31 Sales Closing Date</i> Nevada (Spring) & Utah (Spring)	MGE	September HRS Wheat	\$5.61/bushel	0.23
Wheat – Organic Practice <i>October 31 Sales Closing Date</i> Nevada (Spring) & Utah (Spring)	MGE	September HRS Wheat	\$10.36/bushel	0.23
Wheat – Durum Type <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> New Mexico	MGE	July HRS Wheat	\$6.10/bushel	0.21
Wheat – Durum Type Organic Practice <i>September 30 Sales Closing Date</i> New Mexico	MGE	July HRS Wheat	\$11.26/bushel	0.21

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Margin Protection Plan

The following 2016 CY **margin projected prices** and **volatility factors** are approved for the Margin Protection Plan. The margin projected price is used in conjunction with projected input prices and the expected county yield to derive the expected margin (per acre), trigger margin (per acre) and liability. The expected margins for each crop/county are available at the following web page on RMA’s public website: <http://webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/actuarialinformationbrowser/>. Please see the following web page on RMA’s public website for program details: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/mp/index.html>

Crop/State(s)/Type	Exchange	Contract	Margin Projected Price	Volatility Factor
Corn – Grain Type Iowa	CBOT	December Corn	\$3.98/bushel	0.24
Soybeans Iowa	CBOT	November Soybeans	\$8.75/bushel	0.18
Wheat – Hard Red Spring Type Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota & South Dakota	MGE	September HRS Wheat	\$5.61/bushel	0.23

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Malting Barley Endorsement

The Malting Barley Endorsement (MBE) utilizes a Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) soft red wheat price component to derive the projected price for any insured whose malt barley contract provides for a premium amount above or below a base price to be determined, and the base price is not determined by the acreage reporting date. Please see the MBE for details:

<http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/2016/16-0091b.pdf>

Malt Barley Type	Exchange	Contract	Projected Price	Volatility Factor
Fall Planted Type	CBOT	September SRW Wheat	\$5.13/bushel	0.25

DISPOSAL DATE

December 31, 2015