

May 10, 2016

FROM:

United States Department of Agriculture

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-16-026

Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

Risk Management Agency

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SUBJECT: Area Risk Protection Insurance Basic Provisions and Forage Production

Crop Provisions for the 2017 and succeeding crop years

BACKGROUND:

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has revised the Area Risk Protection Insurance (ARPI) Basic Provisions (17-ARPI) and ARPI Forage Production Crop Provisions (17-ARPI-0033) for the 2017 and succeeding crop years. The provisions were revised to do the following:

- ARPI Basic Provisions: revised to allow flexibility in the Crop Provisions or Special Provisions to provide additional circumstances for which insureds may revise their acreage reports, which is necessary due to the program date changes in the ARPI Forage Production Crop Provisions.
- ARPI Forage Production Crop Provisions:
 - o Incorporate a Special Provisions statement into the Crop Provisions that was implemented in 2016 as a result of the Agricultural Act of 2014.
 - Align the program dates to be consistent with the Actual Production History Forage Crop Provisions to meet the goals of the Acreage and Crop Reporting Streamlining Initiative.

Please refer to the ARPI Basic Provisions and ARPI Forage Production Crop Provisions for more information.

ACTION:

The following materials will be available by close of business today and may be accessed on the RMA website at http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/.

MATERIAL

- ARPI Basic Provisions
- ARPI Forage Production Crop Provisions

Interested producers should contact a crop insurance agent for further information. A list of agents can be found on the Risk Management Agency (RMA) website at: www.rma.usda.gov/.

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2016