

United States Department of Agriculture

Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

Risk Management Agency

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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-16-061

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

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Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX) Modifications

BACKGROUND:

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (Farm Bill) instructed the Risk Management Agency (RMA) to offer the Stacked Income Protection Plan of Insurance (STAX) to upland cotton producers which became effective for the 2015 insurance year and was available in all counties where insurance for upland cotton is available (see MGR-14-011).

After considering feedback and input from various program participants, RMA is making the following modification to the STAX program:

• Allow producers to purchase STAX in conjunction with the Whole Farm Revenue Protection program.

ACTION:

RMA will place, by close of business today, the 2017 crop year STAX Crop Provisions on the RMA Web site at http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies.

Interested producers should contact a crop insurance agent for further information. A list of agents can be found on the RMA Web site: http://www.rma.usda.gov.

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2016.