

January 19, 2017

TO:

United States Department of Agriculture

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-17-003

Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

Risk Management

Agency

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SUBJECT: Pecan Tree Crop Provisions - 2018 and Succeeding Crop Years

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors approved the Pecan Tree insurance program, a privately developed product that was submitted and approved under section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act in June 2016. The Pecan Tree insurance program provides coverage for damage to pecan trees resulting from naturally occurring events. Beginning with the 2018 crop year, the Pecan Tree insurance program will be available in select counties in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas. The program is designed similar to other tree dollar plans of insurance administered by FCIC and will offer similar optional coverage for lost production through a Comprehensive Tree Value Endorsement.

Please refer to the Pecan Tree Crop Provisions and Special Provisions for more information.

ACTION:

RMA will place, by close of business today, the new Pecan Tree Crop Provisions on the RMA Web site at www.rma.usda.gov.

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

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2017