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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-17-027**

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

**FROM:** Richard H. Flourney /s/ *Richard H. Flourney*  
Deputy Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Margin Protection Plan of Insurance - Modifications Effective for 2018  
and Succeeding Crop Years

**BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors (Board), on February 15, 2017, approved the following modifications to the Margin Protection (MP) Plan of Insurance for corn, wheat, rice and soybeans pilot program beginning with the 2018 crop year:

- Expanded MP for Corn and Soybeans to the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin;
- Changed the data source for Urea, diammonium phosphate, and monoammonium phosphate price discovery from Freight Investor Services to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange;
- Revised the methodology for determining the variable input quantities for corn and soybeans;
- Added a Harvest Price Option for all MP Crops; and
- Modified the process for determining Liability, Deductible, Coverage Level, and Indemnity.

**ACTION:**

The following materials will be available by close of business today on the Risk Management Agency Web site at [www.rma.usda.gov/policies/mp/index.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/mp/index.html).

- Margin Protection Plan Provisions (18-MP)
- Margin Price Provisions Section I: General Information (18-MPP)
- Margin Price Provisions Section II Commodity Price Definitions and Section III Commodity Input Definitions: Crop-Specific
  - Corn
  - Rice

- Soybeans
- Wheat
- Margin Protection Plan Insurance Standards Handbook

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Ciliege or Cody Lovercamp, Product Administration and Standards Division at (816) 926-7730.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2017