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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-17-068**

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

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**SUBJECT:** Prevented planting optional coverage level changes for the 2018 and succeeding crop years

**BACKGROUND:**

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has removed the Prevented Planting +10 Percent Option (PT) for the 2018 and succeeding crop years for all crops with a contract change date on or after November 30, 2017, and for the 2019 and succeeding crop years for all crops with a contract change date prior to November 30, 2017. Previously, there has been an option for policyholders of some crops to increase prevented planting coverage by five or ten percent (+5 percent option and +10 percent option, respectively). While RMA has removed the +10 percent option, the +5 percent option is still available.

**ACTION:**

Insurance providers should advise existing policyholders to consult with their crop insurance agent prior to the sales closing date so they can elect whether or not they want the +5 percent option.

Insurance providers may choose to advise policyholders who elected the +10 percent option for the 2017 crop year, in writing, that their policy will automatically be converted to the +5 percent option, unless policyholders specifically elect that the option not apply by the sales closing/cancellation date shown in the actuarial documents. Insurance providers must notify policyholders of these changes at least 30 days prior to the cancellation date as required by the contract change section of the policy.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2017