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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-06-033**

**TO:** All Reinsured Companies  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Tim B. Witt /s/ *Tim B. Witt*  
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**SUBJECT:** Pasture, Rangeland, Forage – Rainfall Index and Vegetation Index Pilot  
Program Insurance Provisions and Underwriting Guides for the 2007 and  
Succeeding Crop Years

**BACKGROUND:**

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act authorized the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) to establish a pasture, rangeland, and forage program. In January 2004, RMA issued a Statement of Objectives which detailed the scope and objectives of this project. In August 2004, two contracts were awarded to Grazingland Management Systems, Inc., (GMS) which resulted in the development of the Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Rainfall Index Pilot Insurance Program (PRF-RI) and the Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Vegetation Index Pilot Insurance Program (PRF-VI). Both of these pilot programs were approved by the FCIC Board of Directors in January 2006 for pilot testing to begin with the 2007 crop year.

**ACTION:**

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has placed the PRF - RI Pilot Insurance Program Crop Provisions (07-RI-PRF), PRF-VI Pilot Insurance Program Crop Provisions (07-VI-PRF) PRF-RI Insurance Standards Handbook (FCIC-18110) and the PRF-VI Insurance Standards Handbook (FCIC-18120), along with educational material, frequently asked questions and a Fact Sheet, on the Risk Management Agency Website at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/pasturerangeforage/>. In addition, a table is attached containing information on funding designation, key program dates, and other pertinent information.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

This informational memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is December 31, 2006.



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