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**United States
Department of
Agriculture**

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

Risk Management
Agency

Davis, California
Regional Office

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TO: All Approved Insurance Providers Servicing California
All Other Interested Parties

FROM: Dan Sobieck /s/
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SUBJECT: Modifications to Rainfall Index Pilot Plans of Insurance in California

BACKGROUND:

Analysis of the 2011 Rainfall Index (RI) Pasture, Rangeland, Forage (PRF) and Apiculture pilot programs in California identified potential concerns with the Rainfall Index in arid regions. Precipitation or lack thereof, during periods that historically see little accumulation is not critical to normal forage productivity, plant vigor or production of blossoms. In addition, most if not all perennial hay land in California is normally grown under irrigation where the variability in precipitation amounts does not significantly impact vegetation growth.

ACTION:

Beginning in 2012, the RI-PRF will no longer provide coverage for hay land in California. In addition, index intervals where the historical amount of precipitation is not critical to vegetation growth were deleted under the Rainfall Index Pilot Plans of Insurance.

Contact the Davis Regional Office at (530) 792-5870 with any questions regarding these changes.

DISPOSAL DATE:

June 30, 2012



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