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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

Risk
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TO: All Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the State of Colorado

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SUBJECT: Use of Comprehensive Information Management System Data to
Document Prevented Planting Claims

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This office recently posted irrigation information derived from irrigation officials in the state of Colorado. That information can be found at http://www.rma.usda.gov/fields/ks_rso/irrigation/. In many areas of Colorado, water supplies were short which prompted a large number of prevented planting claims for the 2012 crop year.

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According to the Common Crop Insurance Policy (11-BR) Section 17 (e)

“The maximum number of acres that may be eligible for a prevented planting payment for any crop will be determined as follows: (1) The total number of acres eligible for prevented planting for all crops cannot exceed the number of acres of cropland in your farming operation for the crop year...The eligible acres for each insured crop will be determined as follows: (i) If you have planted any crop in the county for which prevented planting insurance was available...in any one or more of the four most recent crop years...(A) The number of eligible acres will be the maximum number of acres certified for APH purposes, or insured acres reported, for the crop in any one of the four most recent crop years...”

Implementing the policy provision is resulting in many loss adjusters visiting Colorado Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Offices to request planting history over the past 4 crop years. While it is imperative that Approved Insurance Providers (AIP's) verify past planting history for documenting the eligible acres for prevented planting, requesting this information from the FSA county offices can be a time-consuming, labor-intensive and costly process.

The Comprehensive Information Management System (CIMS) seeks to provide timely access to FSA and Risk Management Agency (RMA) data, improve the integrity of the information collected, and meet the needs of the agencies and partners that require the data in the administration of USDA programs. CIMS is available to all AIP's and can provide an efficient method of retrieving FSA 578 data.



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AIP's may retrieve producer historical information for primary insured's from CIMS and provide it to their loss adjusters by utilizing the CIMS Request – C05 in the Policy Acceptance and Storage System (PASS). 2008 crop year and forward data are available in the CIMS Request. To request historical FSA data for primary insured's, the CIMS request flag must be set equal to H. Please keep in mind requests are limited to no more than 5,000 at one time. More information on the CIMS Request can be found in the 2012 Appendix III at www.rma.usda.gov. Please contact Ron Mackenzie at 816-926-1815 if you have further questions.