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The Risk Management Agency Announces New Director of Billings Regional Office

BILLINGS, Mont., August 25, 2014 – The United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) today announced Eric Bashore has been appointed to the position of director of the Billings Regional Office (serving Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming).

Mr. Bashore has worked in the Billings Regional Office as a risk management specialist since 2001, and as a senior risk management specialist since 2008. Before joining RMA, he worked for the Farm Service Agency (Farm Loan Programs) in both Michigan and Wyoming.

Mr. Bashore holds a Master of Arts degree in agricultural economics from Washington State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance from Michigan State University. He received an Associate in Risk Management (ARM) designation from the Insurance Institute of America in 2003.

Mr. Bashore will oversee all aspects of the federal crop insurance program for the Billings Regional Office, working closely with producers, grower groups, other USDA agencies, community-based organizations, and approved insurance providers.

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