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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Billings Regional Approved Insurance Providers

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SUBJECT: Dry Bean Practices, Intertilled Between Rows (IBR) and Not Intertilled Between Rows (NIBR), Combined to Irrigated (I) and Non-Irrigated (NI) Practices for all types for 2017 and Succeeding Crop Years

BACKGROUND:

The Billings Regional Office of the Risk Management Agency (RMA) has combined IBR and NIBR dry bean practices for types with both practices in North Dakota, South Dakota, and in Goshen, Laramie, and Platte Counties in Wyoming for the 2017 and succeeding crop years. The IBR-I (092) and NIBR-I (085) practices are combined to the irrigated (002) practice, and the IBR-NI (093) and NIBR-NI (086) practices are combined to the non-irrigated (003) practice. The IBR and NIBR practices will no longer be separate insurable practices for dry beans. In addition, types or counties with types that only have the IBR-I (092) and IBR-NI (093) practices, are converted to the irrigated (002) and non-irrigated (003) practices, respectively.

Dry bean T-Yields and rates were last reviewed in 2015 for the 2016 crop year. This review of RMA's policy data indicated negligible differences between the IBR and NIBR practices. Therefore, the T-Yields and target rates were set the same for both irrigated IBR and NIBR practices and non-irrigated IBR and NIBR practices. This was done in preparation for combining these practices to irrigated and non-irrigated for the 2017 and succeeding crop years.

In addition, dry beans were the only remaining crop in the Billings Region with the IBR and NIBR practice designations and combining the practices will simplify the program and reduce workload in future years.

ACTION:

IBR and NIBR will no longer be separate insurable practices for dry bean types in North Dakota, South Dakota, and in Goshen, Laramie, and Platte counties in Wyoming. Table 1 lists the practices for 2016 and prior crop years in the first column and the new practices for 2017 and succeeding crop years in the second column.

Table 1. Conversion chart for determining the new dry bean practice for types based on the old practice.

Dry Bean Practice 2016 and Prior	Dry Bean Practice Beginning in 2017
IBR-I (092)	Irrigated (002)
IBR-NI (093)	Non-Irrigated (003)
NIBR-I (085)	Irrigated (002)
NIBR-NI (086)	Non-Irrigated (003)

RMA will update the Actuarial Information Browser for the 2017 crop year to reflect only irrigated and non-irrigated practices. All references to IBR and NIBR will be removed.

All Actual Production History (APH) databases must be updated with the 2017 practices. Any IBR and NIBR databases must be combined to the appropriate irrigated or non-irrigated database. Procedures to combine APH databases when practices are combined can be found in Paragraphs 1521 and 1522 of the Crop Insurance Handbook.

Dry bean types in counties which previously only had the IBR-I (092) and IBR-NI (093) practices must be converted to the proper irrigated (002) or non-irrigated (003) practice code. No combining of APH databases is needed.

DISPOSAL DATE:

October 31, 2017