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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Pacific Northwest Approved Insurance Providers

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Director

SUBJECT: 2016 Reference Year Adjustment Factors for Contract Seed (BVGS) Dry Beans and Contract Seed (Wrinkled) Dry Peas Actual Production Histories

BACKGROUND

The 2016 Reference Year Adjustment Factors for Contract Seed (BVGS) Dry Beans and Contract Seed (Wrinkled) Dry Peas actual production histories are available. All actual and assigned yields must be factored to their 2016 equivalent value. This memorandum and the linked tables, [Contract Seed \(BVGS\) Dry Beans](#) and [Contract Seed \(Wrinkled\) Dry Peas](#) are pertinent to agents, verifiers, and adjustors. Please distribute this informational memorandum and the linked tables as necessary for your operation.

ACTION

Refer to the (FCIC 18010) [Crop Insurance Handbook Exhibit 17A\(5\) and Exhibit 17F](#) for specific instructions on actual production history (APH) determinations. When transitional yields (T-yields) are needed to complete the 4-year minimum APH database or when constructing the yield floor value or yield adjustment (YA) substitution, T-yields must first be factored to the current year's equivalent. In the linked tables, the double asterisk (**) designates which year's RYAF is to be used in adjusting the current year's T-yield (2016) for standard T-yield variable percentages or yield floor computations. The double asterisk RYAF is also used in determining YA yield substitution values for qualifying low yields occurring in 2003 and subsequent years.

For low actual yields in years 2002 and prior that are eligible for YA, remember the T-yields contained within the actuarial documents for 2002 and prior years are expressed in 1987-dollar equivalents. In the linked tables, use the RYAF designated with the single asterisk (*) to derive the corresponding year's T-yield in its 2016 equivalent value for YA substitution purposes.

We have included years 1984 - 2015 in the linked tables. If you require factors for years prior to 1984, please contact the Spokane Regional Office by e-mail at lacey.menasco@rma.usda.gov.

DISPOSAL DATE

December 31, 2016