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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the State of Connecticut

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SUBJECT: Change to County-Equivalents in the State of Connecticut

BACKGROUND:

This Informational Memorandum is being issued to provide clarification to all Approved Insurance Providers (AIP) in the Raleigh region about a change in the state of Connecticut.

On June 6, 2022, a Federal Register Final Notice was posted detailing a change to county-equivalents for the state of Connecticut. Connecticut will no longer operate under eight counties and will transition to nine planning regions as county-equivalent geographic units.

All changes will be implemented by 2024, including boundary changes and assigning new Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) codes for each new planning region. More information, including a planning region map, can be found in the [Federal Register](#).

ACTION

County is defined in the Common Crop Insurance Basic Provisions, section 1 as “County - Any county, parish, or other political subdivision of a state shown on your accepted application, including acreage in a field that extends into an adjoining county if the county boundary is not readily discernible.”

Beginning with the 2024 reinsurance year RMA will transition from eight counties to nine planning regions for the state of Connecticut. All associated insurance offers and requirements will also move to the new nine planning regions of Capitol, Greater Bridgeport, Lower Connecticut River Valley, Naugatuck Valley, Northeastern Connecticut, Northwest Hills, South Central Connecticut, Southeastern Connecticut, and Western Connecticut.

As a result of this change insureds should work with their crop insurance agent to ensure that their policy is updated and appropriate for the 2024 reinsurance year.

Additional procedures may be found in Product Management Bulletin: PM-23-030, including updated County-Equivalent Planning Region Codes and required actions for current policies.

Program availability for the 2024 reinsurance year can be found in the [Actuarial Information Browser](#) on the [RMA public website](#).

Please contact the Raleigh Regional Office at RSONC@usda.gov with questions.

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