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October 27, 2022

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

Richard H. Flournoy, Deputy Administrator

Subject

Pomegranate Crop Insurance Program Effective for the 2023 and Succeeding Crop Years

On August 18, 2022, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board of Directors approved the Pomegranate Crop Insurance Program, under section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act. Features of the program effective for the 2023 and succeeding crop years in select California counties include:

- Actual Production History (APH) coverage for irrigated fresh and processing pomegranate production in eight counties in California's Central Valley: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare.
- Coverage for adverse weather, fire, earthquake, volcanic eruption, failure of irrigation water supply, insects, and plant diseases.
- Coverage levels between 50 and 85 percent, and catastrophic (CAT) coverage will be available.
- Quality adjustment for fruit not sold as fresh.
- The sales closing date for the 2023 crop year is December 31, 2022. The sales closing date for the 2024 and subsequent crop years will be November 20, 2023.

The following documents will be available by close of business today on the RMA website at www.rma.usda.gov:

- Pomegranate Crop Provisions (23-0467)
- Pomegranate Insurance Standards Handbook (20670U)
- Pomegranate Loss Adjustment Standards Handbook (20670L)

Interested producers should contact a crop insurance agent for further information. A list of agents can be found on the RMA website at www.rma.usda.gov/InformationTools/Agent-Locator. DISPOSAL DATE: December 31, 2023