

PM-15-019 Rainfall Index - Annual Forage Changes Effective for 2016 and Succeeding Crop Years

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Date

April 22, 2015

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

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Subject

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Background

Changes have been made to the Annual Forage policy under the Rainfall and Vegetation Index Plan Common Policy for the 2016 crop year to incorporate changes required by the Agriculture Act of 2014.

The following revisions have been made to the Annual Forage plan program for the 2016 crop year:

- Incorporated Native Sod Provisions;
- Section 7(b) was modified to require reporting of irrigated practice if required by the Actuarial Documents;
- Revised Section 11 of the Annual Forage Crop Provisions to provide clarity on when other insurance is applicable; and

- Revised Section 2 to remove CAT for crops and grasses intended use of grazing.

Action

The following materials will be available by close of business today on the RMA website at

www.rma.usda.gov/policy-procedure/general-policies/rainfall-index

- RI-AF Crop Provisions (16-RI-AF)

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2016