

## **MGR-18-003**

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Date

April 20, 2018

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

Heather Manzano Acting Administrator

Subject

2017 Crop Year Abnormal Cotton Ginning Delays in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas

### **Background**

In areas of Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, an increase in planted cotton acreage and subsequent high cotton yields have caused abnormal delays in the completion of the ginning process of harvested cotton production for the 2017 crop year. As a result, many cotton insureds in these three states will not have gin records of their 2017 cotton crop available by the production reporting date (PRD).

### **Action**

For the 2018 crop year, for cotton insureds in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) are authorized to accept production reports through June 29, 2018, 60 days after the current observed PRD, for cotton policies with a sales closing date of March 15, 2018.

For cotton insureds who provide an acceptable production report by June 29, 2018, and who still have unginmed cotton from the 2017 crop year after that date, eligibility for a temporary yield will be determined in accordance with FCIC 18010

Crop Insurance Handbook, Paragraph 1503.

Cotton insureds who do not provide an acceptable production report by June 29, 2018, will be considered to have failed to comply with the requirements of section 3(f) of the Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2018