

## **IS-14-005**

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Date

March 14, 2014

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

Heather Manzano, Acting Deputy Administrator for Insurance Services /s/ Heather Manzano

Subject

Blueberry Perennial Crop Pre-Acceptance Inspection Report (PAIR) Extension - Springfield

## **Background**

On August 13, 2013, the Risk Management Agency (RMA) Springfield Regional Office (RO) issued Underwriting Guidelines granting Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) an extension of the PAIR deadline. These guidelines not only extended the deadline for receipt of PAIRs, but also the deadline for receipt of PAIRs when required for RO Determined Yields. The submission dates were extended to 60 calendar days after the Production Reporting Date (PRD), i.e., March 16, 2014.

## **Action**

The Springfield RO has been asked to extend the previous extended deadline of March 16, 2014, for PAIRs required for RO Determined Yields, due to continued inclement weather, including excessive snow, preventing AIPs from completing blueberry inspections in Michigan.

Paragraph 1540 of the 2014 FCIC 18010 Crop Insurance Handbook (CIH) authorizes the ROs to extend the deadline up to, but not more than 60 days after the PRD. Due to the extreme adverse weather conditions that have created an inability for AIPs to complete and submit PAIRs for RO Determined Yields by the extended deadline, AIPs are authorized an additional 15 calendar days from March 16, 2014, to March 31, 2014, to complete and submit PAIRs accompanying RO Determined Yield requests.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2014.