

## **MGR-19-020**

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Date

July 12, 2019

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

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Subject

Additional Time for Acreage Reporting in Louisiana due to Tropical Storm Barry

### **Background**

Previous flooding and excess moisture throughout the spring and summer, along with the oncoming Tropical Storm Barry, have increased the likelihood that farmers will be dealing with emergency situations caused by the storm. The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has received requests to allow additional time for policyholders to submit acreage reports for spring-seeded crops. Concerns have been expressed that many policyholders may not be able to comply with the current acreage reporting dates due to difficulties to properly determine and report the insured amount of acreage planted or prevented from planting due to damage to transportation infrastructure, homes and businesses.

### **Action**

To alleviate the burden on policyholders in areas impacted by these extreme conditions causing the inability to timely comply with the current acreage reporting date, Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) may permit insured producers to file acreage reports for all 2019 crop year spring-seeded crops by July 22, 2019, for all

counties in Louisiana.

Although AIPs may provide additional time to submit acreage reports, policyholders are encouraged to report acreage at their earliest opportunity as claims cannot be completed until acreage reports have been filed and liability established.

Additionally, the additional time to submit acreage reports does not extend other due dates that are tied to the Acreage Reporting Date, such as when Written Agreement and Added Land requests must be made and received.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2019.