

## **PM-22-050**

[View PDF](#)

Date

August 31, 2022

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

Richard H. Flournoy, Deputy Administrator /s/ Richard H. Flournoy 8/31/2022

Subject

Rainfall Index - Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Changes Effective for the 2023 and Succeeding Crop Years

## **Background**

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) revised the Rainfall Index (RI) Common Policy and the Pasture, Rangeland, Forage (PRF) Crop Provisions for 2023 and succeeding crop years with the following changes:

- Add certified organic and transitional organic irrigated hay practices to PRF;
- Revise and add several definitions to match definitions in the Common Crop Insurance Policy (CCIP) Basic Provisions;
- Clarify definitions of “expected grid index,” “final grid index,” and “index interval” to state the index intervals are based on a 24-hour period determined by the data;
- Add language to allow corrections to insurance applications with missing social security numbers or employer identification numbers of a person with a substantial beneficial interest to match CCIP Basic Provisions;
- Include the 30-day appeal deadline for good farming practice determinations;

- Clarify the consequences of not providing acceptable records for policies with the intended use of haying or grazing; and
- Clarify livestock records must be maintained.

## Action

The following materials will be available by close of business today on the RMA website at [www.rma.usda.gov/Policy-and-Procedure/Insurance-Plans/Rainfall-Index](http://www.rma.usda.gov/Policy-and-Procedure/Insurance-Plans/Rainfall-Index):

- Rainfall Index Plan Common Policy (23-RI)
- Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Crop Provisions (23-RI-PRF)

The Rainfall Index Insurance Standards Handbook (FCIC-18150) will be available at a later date.

Approved insurance providers must notify policyholders of these changes at least 30 days prior to the cancellation date, as required by the policy.

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/Information-Tools/Agent-Locator-Page](http://www.rma.usda.gov/Information-Tools/Agent-Locator-Page).

Questions regarding these modifications may be directed to [rma.kcviri@usda.gov](mailto:rma.kcviri@usda.gov).

**DISPOSAL DATE** December 31, 2023