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TO: All Approved Insurance Providers(AIPs) in Arkansas

Risk
Management
Agency

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SUBJECT: Limited Increase in Rates for Newly Established High-Risk Actuarial
Areas in Arkansas

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I. BACKGROUND

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) reviewed and updated the high-risk actuarial maps for counties in Arkansas for the 2023 crop year. Some land was added to the high-risk land area and resulted in increased premium rates for those areas. After further analysis, RMA will limit the amount of increase in rates for those areas by decreasing the actuarial (high-risk) rates currently published for the newly established high-risk areas.

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II. COUNTIES AFFECTED

The counties affected are the following six (6) counties in Arkansas: Craighead, Greene, Independence, Jackson, Lawrence, Randolph.

III. BLANKET WRITTEN AGREEMENT OFFER

RMA will issue a blanket written agreement offer for all Farm Serial Numbers (FSNs), Farm, Tract, fields, in newly established high-risk areas, for the counties and crops listed below. The blanket written agreement will apply to the 2023 crop year. Newly established high-risk land designations (BBB, CCC, DDD, etc.) with the rates and written agreement numbers listed in the following table:

Commodity	State	County	Sub County Code	2023 Rate	Written Agreement Number
(0018) Rice	(05) AR	(031) Craighead	BBB	0.013	230946911
(0021) Cotton	(05) AR	(031) Craighead	BBB	0.014	230950011
(0041) Corn	(05) AR	(031) Craighead	BBB	0.056	230961511
(0051) Grain Sorghum	(05) AR	(031) Craighead	BBB	0.07	230963111
(0075) Peanuts	(05) AR	(031) Craighead	BBB	0.013	230964011
(0081) Soybeans	(05) AR	(031) Craighead	BBB	0.008	230963211
(0018) Rice	(05) AR	(055) Greene	CCC	0.014	230958211

(0021) Cotton	(05) AR	(055) Greene	CCC	0.001	230962711
(0041) Corn	(05) AR	(055) Greene	CCC	0.032	230964511
(0051) Grain Sorghum	(05) AR	(055) Greene	CCC	0.035	230964711
(0075) Peanuts	(05) AR	(055) Greene	CCC	0.012	230964911
(0081) Soybeans	(05) AR	(055) Greene	CCC	0.012	230964811
(0018) Rice	(05) AR	(063) Independence	AAA	0.002	230958411
(0041) Corn	(05) AR	(063) Independence	AAA	0.07	230965111
(0051) Grain Sorghum	(05) AR	(063) Independence	AAA	0.101	230965211
(0081) Soybeans	(05) AR	(063) Independence	AAA	0.006	230965011
(0018) Rice	(05) AR	(067) Jackson	AAA	0.007	230960911
(0021) Cotton	(05) AR	(067) Jackson	AAA	0.001	230965411
(0041) Corn	(05) AR	(067) Jackson	AAA	0.077	230965511
(0051) Grain Sorghum	(05) AR	(067) Jackson	AAA	0.109	230965311
(0075) Peanuts	(05) AR	(067) Jackson	AAA	0.014	230965611
(0081) Soybeans	(05) AR	(067) Jackson	AAA	0.019	230965711
(0018) Rice	(05) AR	(067) Jackson	BBB	0.007	230960911
(0021) Cotton	(05) AR	(067) Jackson	BBB	0.001	230965411
(0041) Corn	(05) AR	(067) Jackson	BBB	0.077	230965511
(0051) Grain Sorghum	(05) AR	(067) Jackson	BBB	0.015	230965311
(0075) Peanuts	(05) AR	(067) Jackson	BBB	0.014	230965611
(0081) Soybeans	(05) AR	(067) Jackson	BBB	0.019	230965711
(0018) Rice	(05) AR	(075) Lawrence	BBB	0.003	230961011
(0041) Corn	(05) AR	(075) Lawrence	BBB	0.036	230965911
(0051) Grain Sorghum	(05) AR	(075) Lawrence	BBB	0.089	230966111
(0075) Peanuts	(05) AR	(075) Lawrence	BBB	0.013	230966411
(0081) Soybeans	(05) AR	(075) Lawrence	BBB	0.013	230965811
(0018) Rice	(05) AR	(075) Lawrence	AAA	0.003	230961011
(0041) Corn	(05) AR	(075) Lawrence	AAA	0.001	230965911
(0051) Grain Sorghum	(05) AR	(075) Lawrence	AAA	0.089	230966111
(0075) Peanuts	(05) AR	(075) Lawrence	AAA	0.013	230966411
(0081) Soybeans	(05) AR	(075) Lawrence	AAA	0.013	230965811
(0018) Rice	(05) AR	(121) Randolph	AAA	0.014	230961111
(0041) Corn	(05) AR	(121) Randolph	AAA	0.029	230968511
(0051) Grain Sorghum	(05) AR	(121) Randolph	AAA	0.001	230968611
(0075) Peanuts	(05) AR	(121) Randolph	AAA	0.011	230966811
(0081) Soybeans	(05) AR	(121) Randolph	AAA	0.003	230969411

VI. ACTION

For crop land included in the *newly established high-risk areas*, the Approved Insurance Provider (AIP) should apply the blanket written agreements, as applicable above, for insureds farming in these areas.

For any questions, please contact Cody Adkins at the Jackson Regional Office at 601-965-4771.