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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-12-023 - CORRECTED**

**TO:** All Approved Insurance Providers  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Tim B. Witt /s/ *Tim B. Witt*  
Deputy Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Corrected Rainfall and Vegetation Index Program Changes Effective for  
2013 and Succeeding Crop Years

**BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors (Board) approved the following modifications to the Pasture, Rangeland, Forage (PRF) pilot program, and the Apiculture (API) pilot program beginning with the 2013 crop year:

- Removed requirement to divide total insured acres by index interval, and replaced it with allocating a percentage of the total insured value to each index interval selected.
- Replaced Vegetation Index (VI) with the Rainfall Index (RI) in Nebraska and South Dakota.

In addition to the FCIC Board approved modifications, the following significant changes have been made beginning with the 2013 crop year:

- Combined the separate RI and VI Basic Provisions into a single Basic Provision;
- Combined the separate RI and VI handbooks into a single handbook;
- Changed the cancellation and sales closing date to November 15;
- Changed the contract change date to August 31;
- Removed the provision to adjust the insured acreage after the acreage reporting date;
- Added provisions to obtain a FCIC interpretation for RI and VI policies and procedures;
- Added provisions for providing forms and other information electronically; and
- Modified index intervals available in New Mexico and Arizona.

All documents have been written using the Plain Writing Act of 2010 guidelines.



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**ACTION:**

The following materials will be available by close of business today on the RMA website at [www.rma.usda.gov/policies/ri-vi/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/ri-vi/)

- Rainfall and Vegetation Index Plan Common Policy (13-RIVI)
- RI-API Crop Provisions (13-RI-API)
- VI-API Crop Provisions (13-VI-API)
- RI-PRF Crop Provisions (13-RI-PRF)
- VI-PRF Crop Provisions (13-VI-PRF)
- Rainfall and Vegetation Insurance Standards Handbook (18150)

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2012