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United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-12-062**

Farm and Foreign  
Agricultural  
Services

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

Risk  
Management  
Agency

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SUBJECT: Downed Rice Endorsement

**BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board of Directors (FCIC Board) approved the Downed Rice Endorsement (DRE) on August 9, 2012. The DRE is a privately developed product that was submitted to the FCIC Board under Section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act. The DRE will be available for 2013 crop year sales for insured rice producers in Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas in counties where rice coverage is available in the Actuarial Documents.

The DRE compensates rice producers for the additional cost(s) incurred from harvesting downed rice. The definition of downed rice is, "Rice which falls over due to wind or rain such that the rice is flattened or leaning and requiring the rice to be harvested at an approximate plant height of six inches or less unless a different height is allowed in the Special Provisions."

**ACTION:**

The Downed Rice Endorsement (2013) will be available by close of business today and may be accessed on the RMA website from the 2013 Crop Policies and Pilots page at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/2013policy.html>. Additionally, Downed Rice underwriting standards and Loss Adjustment Standards Handbook will be issued as soon as possible and are expected to be completed no later than December 19, 2012.



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The DRE must be elected in writing on or before the Sales Closing Date for rice.

Interested producers should contact a crop insurance agent for further information. A list of agents can be found on the Risk Management Agency (RMA) website at: [www.rma.usda.gov/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/).

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2013.