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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-14-032**

**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:** Pear Crop Provisions for the 2015 and Succeeding Crop Years

**BACKGROUND:**

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has revised the Pear Crop Provisions (15-0089) for the 2015 and succeeding crop years. The provisions were revised to: standardize terminology; reduce program vulnerabilities; align policy provisions with market changes; and provide more risk management options for producers. Specific changes include: optional units by practice and type if authorized by the Special Provisions; expanded insurable causes of loss for fruit damaged by insects and disease (unless damage is due to insufficient or improper application of control measures); and expanded causes of loss and revised quality adjustment triggers under the Fresh Pear Quality Adjustment Endorsement.

Please refer to the Pear Crop Provisions and Special Provisions for more information.

**ACTION:**

RMA will place, by close of business today, the new Pear Crop Provisions and Summary of Changes on the RMA Web site at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies>.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Bing or Elizabeth Lopez, Product Administration and Standards Division, at (816) 926-7730.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2014