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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-16-036**

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

**FROM:** Thomas W. Worth */s/Thomas W. Worth*  
Acting Deputy Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement, Area Risk Protection Insurance  
Basic Provisions, and Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions

**BACKGROUND:**

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has revised the Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement, the Area Risk Protection Insurance Regulations, and the Common Crop Insurance Regulations Basic Provisions to incorporate changes made in the 2014 Farm Bill Final Rule published in the Federal Register on June 30, 2016.

The Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions also includes changes that were made in the Double Cropping Final Rule with Request for Comments published in the Federal Register on June 22, 2016.

Additionally, the Area Risk Protection Insurance Basic Provisions and the Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions have been revised to incorporate changes previously made in the Ineligibility Amendment (15-Ineligibility) and the Farm Bill Amendment (15-CCIP-Farm Bill).

The new provisions are effective for the 2017 and succeeding crop years for all crops with a 2017 contract change date on or after June 30, 2016, and for the 2018 and succeeding crop years for all crops with a 2017 contract change date prior to June 30, 2016.

**ACTION:**

The following policies will be available by close of business today on the RMA website at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/>.

- Area Risk Protection Insurance Basic Provisions (17-ARPI)
- Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions (17-BR)
- Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement (17-CAT)

Insurance providers must notify policyholders of these changes at least 30 days prior to the cancellation date as required by the contract change section of the policy.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2016