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**United States
Department of
Agriculture**

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

Farm and
Foreign
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Services

TO: All Pacific Northwest Approved Insurance Providers

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Risk
Management
Agency

SUBJECT: 30 Day Extension of RO Determined Yields for Category C Crops: Change in Practice or Production Methods – Acreage Transitioning from Certified or Transitional Organic Back to Conventional

Spokane
Washington
Regional Office

The Spokane Regional office has recently received a number of requests from Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) to extend the standard 30 day timeline for submitting RO determined yield requests for acreage transitioning from certified or transitional organic back to conventional. The extension requests are approved.

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The 2016 Crop Insurance Handbook FCIC 18010 (CIH) paragraph 2212 A (2) specifies that RO Determined yield requests must be signed by the insured by the PRD and submitted by the AIP, with any applicable inspections, to the RO no later than 30 calendar days after the PRD. Furthermore, Paragraph 2212 A (3) specifies situations where the RMA RO may grant an extension to the deadline.

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Therefore, the final date for receiving RO Determined Yield requests from the AIP for acreage transitioning from certified or transitional organic back to conventional will be no later than March 15, 2016 (60 calendar days after the production reporting date).

Supporting records/documentation initially received after the applicable date specified above will not be accepted, unless the RO Determined Yield request results in a lower APH yield in accordance with the ‘Exception’ noted in Paragraph 1840 [see also, Paragraph 2212 A. (3) (c)] of the CIH.