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

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SUBJECT: Stacked Income Protection Plan of Insurance for Upland Cotton

BACKGROUND:

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill), enacted on February 7, 2014, authorized the Risk Management Agency (RMA) to offer the Stacked Income Protection Plan of Insurance (STAX) to upland cotton producers for the 2015 and succeeding crop years. STAX provides area-based coverage for a portion of the expected area revenue. STAX may be purchased as a standalone policy, or may be purchased in conjunction with another crop insurance policy for upland cotton. Beginning with the 2015 crop year, STAX will be available for upland cotton in all counties where a Federal crop insurance program is available.

ACTION:

By the close of business today, the following materials will be available on the RMA Web site (<http://www.rma.usda.gov>):

- Stacked Income Protection Plan Cotton Crop Provisions
- Stacked Income Protection Plan Underwriting Standards Handbook
- Map of counties where STAX will be available (also attached)
- A training presentation summarizing how STAX functions (a similar presentation for the Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) will also be available)

A Crop Insurance Decision Tool intended to help growers understand how STAX works with the other available crop insurance options will also be available on the RMA web site. The tool also is applicable to SCO.

In early October, expected county yields and premium rates for STAX will be available on the RMA web site.

Interested producers should contact a crop insurance agent for further information. A list of agents can be found on the RMA Web site: <http://www.rma.usda.gov>.

DISPOSAL DATE:

November 30, 2015

Crop Year 2015 Stacked Income Protection (STAX) Availability for Cotton

