INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: IS–15-005

DATE  March 13, 2015

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

FROM:     Robert Ibarra, Deputy Administrator for Insurance Services  /s/ Robert Ibarra
          3/13/2015

SUBJECT:  30 Day Extension of Perennial Crop Pre-Acceptance Inspection Report (PAIR)
          Deadlines for Peaches, Apples, Blueberries and Grapes in Michigan

The Springfield Regional Office (RO) recently received a number of requests from Approved Insurance Providers (AIP) to further extend the timeline for submitting Pre-Acceptance Inspection Reports (PAIRs). Due to continued inclement weather and high volume of policies requiring a PAIR, the extension requests are approved.

Paragraph 1540 of the 2015 FCIC 18010 Crop Insurance Handbook (CIH) authorizes the ROs to extend the deadline up to, but not more than 60 days after the production reporting date. Since the extreme adverse weather conditions have created an inability for AIPs to complete and submit PAIRs for RO Determined Yields by the extended deadline, AIPs are authorized an additional 30 calendar days from March 16, 2015, to April 15, 2015, to complete and submit PAIRs accompanying RO Determined Yield requests.

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 1540 [see also, Paragraph 2002 A. (3) (c)] of the CIH.