

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-17-012

DATE March 01, 2017

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

FROM: Richard H. Flournoy, Deputy Administrator /s/ Jason Albright, for. 3/1/2017

SUBJECT: 2017 Crop Year (CY) Common Crop Insurance Policy and Area Risk Protection Insurance Projected Prices and Volatility Factors; Malting Barley Endorsement Projected Price Component and Volatility Factor; and Hybrid Seed Price Endorsement - Hybrid Seed Corn Prices

Common Crop Insurance Policy & Area Risk Protection Insurance ¹

The 2017 CY **projected prices** shown below are approved for the following plans of insurance: Yield Protection, Area Yield Protection, Revenue Protection, Area Revenue Protection, Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion, and Area Revenue Protection with the Harvest Price Exclusion. The 2017 CY **volatility factors** shown below are approved for the following plans of insurance: Revenue Protection, Area Revenue Protection, Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion, and Area Revenue Protection with the Harvest Price Exclusion. The projected prices and volatility factors apply to policies with a **March 15 sales closing date, unless otherwise indicated**, and are applicable for the crops, practices, types, and states indicated below:

Crop/Practice/Type/State

Barley

Kansas (Spring type)

Barley – Organic Practice

Kansas (Spring type)

Barley

Iowa, Nebraska, New York (Spring type) & Pennsylvania (Spring type)

Barley – Organic Practice

Iowa, Nebraska, New York (Spring type) & Pennsylvania (Spring type)

Barley

Colorado (Spring types), Idaho (Spring types), Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon (Spring types), South Dakota, Utah, Vermont,

Barley – Organic Practice

Colorado (Spring types), Idaho (Spring types), Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon (Spring types), South Dakota, Utah, Vermont,

Barley

Alaska

Barley – Organic Practice

Alaska

Barley

California

Barley – Organic Practice

California

Barley (March 15 Sales Closing Date, Winter Types without Winter Coverage Endorsement)

Idaho, Oregon & Washington (previously released 9/15/2016)

Barley – Organic Practice (March 15 Sales Closing Date, Winter Types without Winter Coverage Endorsement)

Idaho, Oregon & Washington (previously released 9/15/2016)

Barley (September 30 Sales Closing Date, Spring Type)

Kansas

Barley – Organic Practice (September 30 Sales Closing Date, Spring Type)

Kansas

Barley (September 30 Sales Closing Date, Spring Types)

New York & Pennsylvania

Barley – Organic Practice (September 30 Sales Closing Date, Spring Types)

New York & Pennsylvania

Barley (September 30 Sales Closing Date, Spring Types)

Colorado, Idaho, Oregon & Washington

Barley – Organic Practice (September 30 Sales Closing Date, Spring Types)

Colorado, Idaho, Oregon & Washington

Barley (October 31 Sales Closing Date, Spring Types)

Nevada & Utah

Barley – Organic Practice (October 31 Sales Closing Date, Spring Types)

Nevada & Utah

Canola

All States

Canola - Rapeseed Type

All States

Canola (August 31 Sales Closing Date, Spring Type(s))

Idaho, Oregon & Washington

Canola - Rapeseed Type (August 31 Sales Closing Date, Spring Type(s))

Idaho, Oregon & Washington

Corn

Oklahoma & Texas

Corn - Organic Practice

Oklahoma & Texas

Corn

Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hamp

Corn - Organic Practice

Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hamp

Corn – High Amylose Type

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska & South Dakota

Corn

Idaho, Michigan, Oregon & Washington

Corn - Organic Practice

Idaho, Michigan, Oregon & Washington

Cotton

Missouri, Tennessee, Texas & Virginia

Cotton - Organic Practice

Missouri, Tennessee, Texas & Virginia

Cotton

Kansas, New Mexico & Oklahoma

Cotton - Organic Practice

Kansas, New Mexico & Oklahoma

Grain Sorghum

Texas

Grain Sorghum – Organic Practice

Texas

Grain Sorghum

All States, except Texas

Grain Sorghum – Organic Practice

All States, except Texas

Peanuts - Runner Type

New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas & Virginia

Peanuts - Spanish Type

New Mexico, Oklahoma & Texas

Peanuts - Valencia Type

New Mexico, Oklahoma & Texas

Peanuts - Virginia Type

New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas & Virginia

Popcorn

Alabama (previously released: 2/16/2017)

Popcorn - Organic Practice

Alabama (previously released: 2/16/2017)

Popcorn

All States, except Alabama & Michigan

Popcorn - Organic Practice

All States, except Alabama & Michigan

Popcorn

Michigan

Popcorn - Organic Practice

Michigan

Soybeans

Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, S

Soybeans - Organic Practice

Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, S

Soybeans

Delaware, Maryland, Oklahoma, Virginia & West Virginia

Soybeans - Organic Practice

Delaware, Maryland, Oklahoma, Virginia & West Virginia

Sunflowers - Oil Type

All States

Sunflowers - Oil Type; Organic Practice

All States

Sunflowers - Confectionary Type

All States

Wheat - All Types Except Durum

Alaska, California, Colorado, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon [Klamath County only], South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin & Wyc

Wheat - All Types Except Durum; Organic Practice

Alaska, California, Colorado, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon [Klamath County only], South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin & Wyc

Wheat - Durum Type

Montana, North Dakota & South Dakota

Wheat - Durum Type; Organic Practice

Montana, North Dakota & South Dakota

Wheat (September 30 Sales Closing Date, Spring Type)

California, Colorado, Iowa, Montana (including Khorasan), Nebraska, Oregon (Klamath County only), South Dakota, Wisconsin & Wyoming

Wheat – Organic Practice (September 30 Sales Closing Date, Spring Type)

California, Colorado, Iowa, Montana (including Khorasan), Nebraska, Oregon (Klamath County only), South Dakota, Wisconsin & Wyoming

¹ **Projected Prices and Volatility Factors are applicable for the Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO).**

Malting Barley Endorsement

The Malting Barley Endorsement (MBE) utilizes a Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) soft red wheat price component to derive the projected price for any insured

whose malt barley contract provides for a premium amount above or below a base price to be determined, and the base price is not determined by the acreage reporting date. Please see the MBE for details: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/2017/17-0091b.pdf>

Malting Barley Type	Exchange	Contract	Projected Price	Volatility Factor
Spring Planted Type	CBOT	September SRW Wheat	\$4.79/bushel	0.17

Hybrid Seed Price Endorsement

The following 2017 CY hybrid seed corn prices have been approved for the Hybrid Seed Price Endorsement: **\$3.96 per bushel** for the non-organic practice; and **\$9.06 per bushel** for the certified organic practice.

These amounts reflect the higher values of either: 1) the previously-released 2017 crop year MPC1 hybrid seed corn price elections [non-organic practice: \$3.79 per bushel; certified organic practice: \$8.64 per bushel]; or 2) the futures-based prices derived from the average daily settlement price in February for the 2017 December CBOT corn contract [non-organic practice: \$3.96 per bushel], multiplied by an organic corn price factor [certified organic practice: \$9.06 per bushel].

DISPOSAL DATE

December 31, 2017