April 10, 2020

The sales closing date is April 15, 2020, with PAIRs required by June 14, 2020. Although many AIPs
COVID-19 and Crop Insurance Deadlines – Additional Relief
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When situations unique to an area impact Regional Office Determined Yield Requests or other PAIR extensions, the applicable RMA Regional Office will continue to
be submitted to the applicable RMA Regional Office.

All Other Applicable Policies: PAIRs are required when changes occur to carryover policies or for new policyholders when required by the applicable policy to adjust
coverage. Examples may include changes such as: irrigation changes, substantial grafting, prior damage, etc. These may also require a Determined Yield Request
be submitted to the applicable RMA Regional Office.

For Category C Actual Production History (APH) crops and Pecan Revenue, PAIRs with a deadline due on or before May 30, 2020, AIP have an additional 30
calendar days to complete the necessary PAIRs.

When situations unique to an area impact Regional Office Determined Yield Requests or other PAIR extensions, the applicable RMA Regional Office will continue to
issue Underwriting Guidelines on a regional basis. An example is a request to provide coverage to an underage perennial crop. RMA’s Regional Offices can be found at: [www.rma.usda.gov/RMALocal/Field-Offices/Regional-Offices](http://www.rma.usda.gov/RMALocal/Field-Offices/Regional-Offices)

**Nursery and Nursery Value Select (NVS) Program Inspections**

The Nursery program continues to be available for the 2021 crop year with a SCD of May 1, 2020, and insurance attaches June 1 under the terms of the policy. Nursery Value Select (NVS) is a new program for the 2021 crop year, which will be offered in select counties alongside the existing Nursery program. In certain counties, NVS also has a SCD of May 1, 2020, and insurance attaches June 1 under the terms of the policy. Both policies require inspections be conducted in May for insurance to begin as scheduled on June 1.

RMA is authorizing AIPs to defer the 2021 crop year inspection until the subsequent crop year for the Nursery and NVS programs when an inspection report exists in the policyholder’s file applicable to Nursery Crop Provisions for the 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020 crop year(s). Hurricane Irma caused significant damage during the 2018 crop year. AIPs must ensure that any 2018 inspection used appropriately accounts for the damage caused by Hurricane Irma that did not recover before the beginning of the 2019 crop year.

**Producer Signature Deadline for Written Agreement Offers**

If a written agreement offer is provided to the producer, but the producer fails to sign the offer by the expiration date identified on the offer, a producer signature after the expiration date will be accepted. If the producer accepts the written agreement offer, the producer must still sign and date in the acceptance area of the offer no later than July 15, 2020.

If the signature and date are executed after the expiration date of the written agreement offer, the producer must provide a self-certification, or other documentation, showing that COVID-19 caused a physical inability to sign the offer by the expiration date. This self-certification, or other documentation, must include a brief explanation of the circumstances surrounding the situation (such as, producer was quarantined, agent offices were closed, "stay-at-home" order issued, etc.) and must be included with the signed and accepted written agreement offer when returned to RMA.

Only written agreement offers with an issuance date during the time period of March 15, 2020, to May 30, 2020, will have producer signatures accepted after the expiration date with proper self-certification or documentation. All documentation and signatures for these offers must be completed by no later than July 15, 2020. In lieu of Paragraphs 54 and 56 of the 2020 Written Agreement Handbook, written agreement offers signed after the expiration date due to COVID-19 must be electronically submitted to RMA through the ROE system no later than 15 business days after the producer signed the written agreement offer.

Any written agreement offers with an issuance date after May 30, 2020, must sign by the expiration date identified in the written agreement offer and follow the procedures provided in the 2020 Written Agreement Handbook for submission to RMA.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**
December 31, 2020