

PRODUCT MANAGEMENT BULLETIN: PM-21-045

DATE August 27, 2021

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

FROM: Richard H. Flournoy, Deputy Administrator /s/ Richard H. Flournoy 8/27/2021

SUBJECT: Grape Crop Insurance Changes Effective for the 2022 and Succeeding Crop Years

Background

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) revised the Grape crop insurance program in California, Idaho, Oregon, Texas, and Washington.

The following changes are applicable for the 2022 and succeeding crop years:

- Allow producers with both contracted and non-contracted production the ability to use a weighted average price for their production;
- Extend the acreage reporting date from January 15 to May 15 to allow producers additional time to finalize their contracts (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington);
and
- Clarify how to convert a contract price expressed in dollars per acre to dollars per ton.

Action

These changes will be issued in the Special Provisions for applicable counties no later than August 31, 2021.

Approved insurance providers must notify policyholders of these changes at least 30 days prior to the cancellation date, as required by the policy.

Interested producers should contact a crop insurance agent for further information. A list of agents can be found on the RMA website at www.rma.usda.gov/Information-Tools/Agent-Locator-Page.

DISPOSAL DATE:
December 31, 2021