

MGR-18-010: Conversion of the Hawaii Tropical Fruit and Tree Programs to Permanent Status

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Date

September 21, 2018

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

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Subject

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Background

The Hawaii Tropical Fruit and Tree Crop Insurance Programs have been piloted to determine acceptance by producers as effective and affordable risk management tools and to assure the programs are actuarially sound. The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board of Directors (Board) granted approval for the conversion of these programs from pilot to permanent status based on the favorable pilot program experience.

In accordance with procedures found in the document titled Risk Management Agency Permanent and Pilot Designations at www.rma.usda.gov/policy-procedure/crop-policies, notification establishing the program as permanent will be published on the Risk Management Agency (RMA) website and provided to the Farm Service Agency (FSA), including the effective crop year of permanent status.

The FSA uses the RMA designation of pilot or permanent program in their consideration of Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) availability.

NAP availability is not impacted until the subsequent year if the RMA notification of conversion to permanent status is issued less than 90 days before the next NAP application date. NAP availability will solely be determined by the FSA.

Action

The Hawaii fruit and tree policies were determined by the Board to be permanent after the pilot testing was complete. These programs are now being converted to permanent program status for the crop year listed below:

Crop Code	FCIC Crop Name	Contract Change Date	Effective Crop Year	Sales Closing Date
0255	Banana	01/31/2019	Crop Year 2019	05/31/2019
0265	Banana Tree	09/30/2018	Crop Year 2019	12/31/2018
0256	Coffee	09/30/2018	Crop Year 2019	12/31/2018
0266	Coffee Tree	09/30/2018	Crop Year 2019	12/31/2018
0257	Papaya	01/31/2019	Crop Year 2019	05/31/2019
0267	Papaya Tree	09/30/2018	Crop Year 2019	12/31/2018

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2021