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Date

August 29, 2023

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

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Subject

Florida Citrus Fruit Crop Provisions Changes Effective for the 2025 and Succeeding Crop Years

Background

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors approved changes to the Florida Citrus Fruit crop insurance program, under section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, on May 19, 2023.

The following changes are applicable for the 2025 and succeeding crop years:

- Revise insurability requirements to reflect a 100-box/acre minimum in at least one of the three previous years for trees eight years and older, unless allowed by a determined yield;
- Replace the term “Adverse Weather” with several named individual perils as insurable causes of loss and further define “excess wind”;
- Require notice within 30 days if the insured acreage is damaged by post-bloom fruit drop; and
- Minor modifications were made to price calculations for specialty citrus due to the loss of relied upon data that had come from the National Agricultural

Statistics Service (NASS) and receipt of an additional juice type oranges dataset from the Florida Department of Citrus (FDOC).

Action

The Florida Citrus Fruit Crop Provisions (25-FCF) will be available by close of business today on the Risk Management Agency (RMA) website at www.rma.usda.gov.

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/tools-reports/agent-locator.

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2023