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August 23, 2022

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 8/23/2022 Subject

Transitional and Organic Grower Assistance Program for the 2023 Reinsurance Year

Background

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) is offering a Transitional and Organic Grower Assistance (TOGA) Program to agricultural producers who have crop insurance coverage on crops in transition to organic or certified organic grain and feed crops. TOGA is part of the USDA's <u>Organic Transition Initiative</u>, a bundle of programs to build more and better markets for American producers and consumers, to improve the resilience of the food supply chain, and to address the economic challenges that arose due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

TOGA provides premium assistance to producers who insure their crop during the 2023 reinsurance year. Eligible producers will receive a discount on their premium billing statement:

- For crops in transition to certified organic, producers can receive 10 percentage points of premium subsidy;
- For certified organic grain and feed crops, producers can receive \$5 premium assistance per insured acre; and

 For Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) policies with crops in transition or certified organic crops, producers can receive 10 percentage points of premium subsidy. In addition to the WFRP benefit, producers who have additional individual crop insurance policies will also receive the applicable premium benefit on those policies.

A Notice of Funding Availability explaining the program is on public display in the Federal Register today.

Action

Approved insurance providers (AIPs) must adjust policyholder billing statements to reflect the reduction in premium owed by the amount calculated by RMA. Each AIP will receive the amount of premium reduction due to this program from RMA.

The following documents will be available by close of business today:

- The TOGA Notice of Funding Availability will be available at federalregister.gov.
- Frequently Asked Questions and a Fact Sheet will be available at <u>farmers.gov</u>.

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, 2024