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Date

March 13, 2015

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

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Subject

30 Day Extension of Perennial Crop Pre-Acceptance Inspection Report (PAIR)

Deadlines for all Category C Crops – Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Virginia

The Raleigh Regional Office (RO) recently received a number of requests from Approved Insurance Providers (AIP) to extend the standard 30 day timeline for submitting Pre-Acceptance Inspection Reports (PAIRs). Due to continued inclement weather and high volume of policies requiring a PAIR, the extension requests are approved.

Paragraph 1540 of the 2015 FCIC 18010 Crop Insurance Handbook (CIH) authorizes the ROs to extend the deadline up to, but not more than 60 days after the production reporting date. Due to the extreme adverse weather conditions that have created an inability for AIPs to complete and submit PAIRs for RO Determined Yields by the extended deadline, AIPs are authorized an additional 30 calendar days from March 16, 2015, to April 15, 2015, to complete and submit PAIRs accompanying RO Determined Yield requests.

Supporting records/documentation initially received after the applicable date specified above will not be accepted, unless the RO Determined Yield request results in a lower APH yield in accordance with the 'Exception' noted in Paragraph 1540 [see also, Paragraph 2002 A. (3) (c)] of the CIH.