

## **PM-20-056: Rainfall and Vegetation Index - Pasture, Rangeland, Forage and Apiculture Modifications Effective for 2021 and Succeeding Crop Years**

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August 27, 2020

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

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Subject

Rainfall and Vegetation Index - Pasture, Rangeland, Forage and Apiculture

Modifications Effective for 2021 and Succeeding Crop Years

### **Background**

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has made the following revisions to the Apiculture (API) and Pasture, Rangeland, Forage (PRF) Crop Provisions for the 2021 crop year. Apiculture Changes:

- Provided guidance on how to determine the total insurable colonies requirements in Section 4 of the policy.
- Added records requirements to clarify that records are required to maintain for a period of three years.
- Added flexibility for types of documentation a producer can provide to verify a lease.
- Added a Verifiable Records definition.

## RI Basic Provision Changes (Both Programs)

- Revised to allow insurance for grids that cross the U.S. border or are along the ocean. The insured may now insure the grid closest to the point of reference.
- Added additional language to address when an insured misreports information on the acreage report.
- Clarified what will happen when NOAA CPC makes changes to data after RMA publishes.
- Revised lease certification documentation requirements.
- Removed all references to the Vegetation Index Policy.
- Other minor editorial edits to be consistent with other policies.

## PRF Changes:

- Clarified that a separate point of reference is required for non-contiguous acreage.
- Minor editorial edits.

## Action

The following materials will be available, by close of business today, on the RMA website at [www.rma.usda.gov/about-crop-insurance/managing-farm-risk/insurance-plans](http://www.rma.usda.gov/about-crop-insurance/managing-farm-risk/insurance-plans).

- Rainfall Index Plan Common Policy (21-RIVI)
- Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Crop Provisions (21-RI-PRF)
- Apiculture Crop Provisions (21-RI-API)
- Rainfall Index Insurance Standards Handbook

Questions regarding these modifications may be directed to [rma.kcviri@usda.gov](mailto:rma.kcviri@usda.gov).

## DISPOSAL DATE

December 31, 2020