

COM-21-001: Risk Management Agency Improper Payments Reviews

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Date

April 5, 2021

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

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Subject

Risk Management Agency Improper Payments Reviews

Background

The Department of Agriculture (USDA), Risk Management Agency (RMA) is required annually, in accordance with Appendix C of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-123, Requirements for Effective Estimation and Remediation of Improper Payments dated October 20, 2014, and the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019, to estimate and report an improper payment rate using a statistically selected, statistically valid sample of policies for the Federal crop insurance program.

The agency is now initiating its review of policies for the 2022 reporting period.

Action

To comply with the above mandate for the 2022 reporting period, RMA has statistically selected a valid sample of policies from across the program for review from the 2020 reinsurance year. The policies, 372 in all, were selected with regard to

the Approved Insurance Provider (AIP) that serviced the policy and will be reviewed to estimate an improper payment rate for the program.

Notifications will be transmitted on or about April 7, 2021, through the Compliance Activities Results System (CARS) SharePoint to each AIP servicing the selected policies. Regional Compliance Offices (RCO) will send notification letters to selected policyholders on or about April 15, 2021. AIPs will provide all applicable policyholder and AIP documentation to RMA through the CARS SharePoint by June 8, 2021.

Due to differences in the policy lifecycle, you will receive a second notification letter in August, identifying the Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) policies selected for review. If you do not receive a subsequent letter, you do not have a WFRP policy selected.

DISPOSAL:

Effective until superseded or rescinded.