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Date

March 13, 2017

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 3/13/2017

Subject

Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage Replacement of the Grid ID Locator, Decision Support Tool and Historical Indices

Background

To accommodate the growth in the Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage (PRF) pilot program over the last several years, the Risk Management Agency (RMA) has decided to manage and support the Grid ID Locator, Decision Support Tool, and Historical Indices (PRF Tools) internally. The current PRF tools are being supported by an external contractor.

The current PRF Tools will be available until April 30, 2017, while the new PRF tools are in testing status. After April 30, 2017, the current PRF tools will no longer be available and will be replaced with the new version. The PRF tools are available to help producers decide whether the Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage program will work with their operation and to give insight on how the program has performed in the past in an individual's area. This tool is available at prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/prf.

Action

The new RMA Grid ID Locator, Decision Support Tool, Historical Indices will be available by close of business today at www.rma.usda.gov/policy-procedure/general-policies/rainfall-index.

More information, including availability of the product, can be found on RMA's website at www.rma.usda.gov. Federal crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private insurance agents. Contact a local insurance agent for more information about the program. A list of insurance agents is available at all RMA regional offices or on the [RMA Agent Locator](#) web page.

DISPOSAL DATE

December 31, 2017