

## **PM-20-080**

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Date

November 24, 2020

To

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

From

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Subject

Sesame Crop Insurance Provisions Changes Effective for the 2021 and Succeeding Crop Years

## **Background**

On March 4, 2020, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board of Directors approved a program expansion for sesame in 8 counties in Georgia and Alabama and approved an expansion by written agreement for 55 counties without actuarial documents for the crop in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia for 2021 and succeeding crop years.

The program expansion was approved for the following counties:

- Alabama: Autauga, Geneva, Macon, Montgomery
- Georgia: Burke, Emanuel, Jefferson, Jenkins

Written agreements were approved for the following counties:

- Alabama: Barbour, Colbert, Covington, Crenshaw, Dallas, Escambia, Houston, Lawrence, Lee, Pike, Russell, and Tuscaloosa

- Florida: Alachua, Calhoun, Columbia, Hamilton, Jackson, Liberty, Levy, Madison, Marion, Okaloosa, Suwannee, and Walton
- Georgia: Atkinson, Berrien, Bulloch, Butts, Coffee, Colquitt, Decatur, Early, Echols, Greene, Hart, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Lee, Miller, Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Peach, Pierce, Putnam, Randolph, Taylor, Telfair, Toombs, Walton, Warren, and Washington

In addition to the changes described above, the following changes are applicable for the 2021 and succeeding crop years:

- Clarified policy provisions;
- Added a cancellation and termination date of February 28 for Alabama and Florida;
- Added an end of insurance period date of December 31 for Alabama and Georgia; and
- Revised to state representative samples are required in accordance with section 14 of the Basic Provisions.

## **Action**

The 2021 Sesame Pilot Crop Provisions will be available by close of business today on the RMA website at [www.rma.usda.gov](http://www.rma.usda.gov).

Approved insurance providers must notify policyholders of these changes at least 30 days prior to the cancellation date, as required by the policy.

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](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools-reports/agent-locator).

## **DISPOSAL DATE**

December 31, 2021