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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-06-019**

**TO:** All Reinsured Companies  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

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**SUBJECT:** Pilot Forage Seed Crop Provisions for the 2007 and Succeeding Crop  
Years

**BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors (Board) initially authorized the implementation of the Pilot Forage Seed Insurance Program starting with the 2002 crop year. An evaluation of the Pilot Forage Seed Insurance Program was completed and on April 26, 2006, the Board authorized the continuation and expansion of the Pilot Forage Seed Insurance Program until such time as the program is made permanent through the rulemaking process.

The Pilot Forage Seed Insurance program evaluation, including discussions with growers of alfalfa seed in the pilot counties of Montana and Wyoming, raised concern with the November 1 insurance attachment date. Even though a stand may be obtained by November 1, some plants may not have sufficient vigor to overwinter. Therefore, the insurance attachment date is being moved from November 1 to October 1 so that alfalfa plants will have adequate growth to ensure their survival through the winter in the Montana and Wyoming pilot counties.

**ACTION:**

The Pilot Forage Seed Crop Provisions are revised for the 2007 and succeeding crop years by changing the insurance period calendar start date for counties in Montana and Wyoming from November 1 to October 1. The calendar date for the end of the insurance period for Montana and Wyoming were also changed from October 31 to September 30.



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The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has placed the Pilot Forage Seed Crop Provisions on the Risk Management Agency Website at:

<http://www.rma.usda.gov/pilots/2007pilot.html>

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is December 31, 2006.