65 Plus Years of Service

The Risk Management Agency (RMA), formerly Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) was established as a part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 1938 following a long period of frequent and severe droughts in the 1930’s. The Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 and Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 were approved by Congress, placing a dedicated emphasis on crop disaster insurance assistance programs to provide a stronger safety net for ALL American farmers.

RMA Mission

RMA’s mission is to promote, support, and regulate sound risk management solutions to preserve and strengthen the economic stability of America’s agricultural producers.

RMA’s Leadership & Structure

The RMA Administrator is Eldon Gould. The FCIC Board of Directors is chaired by the USDA Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS). RMA is head-quartered in Kansas City, Missouri, an operations center in Washington, D.C., ten Regional Offices and six Compliance Offices across the country.

RMA’s Spokane Regional Office

Dave P. Paul is the Director of the Regional Office serving Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington states. The regional office is working toward:

- tailoring existing programs to meet the needs of the region’s producers;
- improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal Crop Insurance program;
- strengthen the safety net for the region’s agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools;
- improve protection from production and income losses; and

- administer Risk Management Education (RME) and Outreach programs to provide educational opportunities to the agricultural industry and creating more awareness of risk management strategies and the tools available for managing those risks.

Education and Outreach

RME and Outreach focuses on various areas of Agricultural Risk

- Production Risks
- Legal Risks
- Marketing Risks
- Human Resource Risks
- Financial Risks
- Alternative Enterprises

Program Size

RMA currently insures 135+ crops in over 3,000 counties across the U.S. Coverage is available on about 75 percent of the annual U.S. farm production value. RMA has targeted further program expansion to make coverage available on 95 percent of the value of annual farm production. For the 2005 crop year, RMA provided more than $45 billion of liability coverage on approximately 2 million policies accounting for approximately $4 billion in premium.

Product Delivery

Products reinsured by RMA and approved by FCIC’s Board of Directors are delivered through private crop insurance agents nationwide.

Additional Information

Visit the RMA website at: www.rma.usda.gov.
Program development questions may be addressed to Dave P. Paul, Director, USDA/Risk Management Agency / Spokane Regional Office. For additional copies of this fact sheet or any other RMA Spokane Regional information, please contact Jo Lynne Seufer at telephone number (509) 353-2147.

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