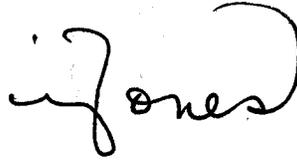


**For:** State and County Offices

**RMA Growing Season Inspections**

**Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA) requires FSA and RMA to work together to improve program compliance and integrity of the Federal Crop Insurance Program. Under ARPA, RMA has the authority to request assistance from FSA in conducting reviews of insured crops during the growing season.

Twice annually, in the spring and again in the fall, the RMA Regional Compliance Office (RCO) provides a list of producers selected for growing season inspections to FSA. County Offices are required to perform a minimum of 2 documented field inspections for producers identified on the RCO spot check list.

It has been brought to our attention, that some State/County Offices are completing few or none of these growing season inspections. In addition, the findings from these inspections have not been timely sent to RMA.

**B Purpose**

This notice reminds State and County Offices of the importance of timely completing RCO growing season inspections and sending findings to RMA.

<b>Disposal Date</b>  July 1, 2008	<b>Distribution</b>  State Offices: State Offices relay to County Offices
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### 2 Action

#### A County Office

County Offices shall:

- perform RCO growing season inspections according to 4-RM, subparagraphs 70 C and 71 B
- complete AD-2027 and AD-2045 immediately after the first and second inspections
- notify State Office points of contact (POC) according to 4-RM, subparagraphs 70 C and 72 B, when completed AD-2027's and supporting documentation have been moved to the server.

#### B State Office

State Offices shall:

- forward all AD-2027's and supporting documentation to the RMA RCO after both the first and second inspections
- notify RCO when the documentation has been placed in the mail.

#### C RMA RCO

RCO shall contact State Office POC's if it is not timely receiving growing season spot check results. The National Office will work with RCO to ensure that State and County Offices are timely completing inspections and forwarding the results. If National Office assistance is required, RCO can contact Melonie Sullivan by e-mail at [melonie.sullivan@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:melonie.sullivan@wdc.usda.gov) or by telephone at 202-690-1003.