

Contact:  
Meagan McElya  
mmcelya@agrillogic.com

**RMA Announces New Cooperative Agreements for Risk Management Education Programs**  
*AgriLogic Consulting Will Provide Training to Farmers in Hawaii*

**College Station, Texas – December 7, 2017** - USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) recently awarded 52 cooperative agreements under the Risk Management Education Partnerships Program totaling approximately \$4.8 million. This includes nine first-time award recipients and 10 national projects that involve multiple RMA regions. RMA also awarded 24 cooperative agreements under the Crop Insurance Education in Targeted States Program totaling approximately \$5 million.

This is AgriLogic Consulting's fourth year receiving a cooperative agreement. AgriLogic will continue to educate producers of priority agricultural commodities in all Hawaii counties about risk management and related strategies. AgriLogic and its partners, including two new partners this year, will continue to offer training through traditional methods such as workshops, on-farm appointments, conferences, meetings, and other venues. Training topics include crop insurance, the importance of record keeping, and an overview of all RMA and other Federal, state and local government programs available to assist Hawaii producers to become or remain profitable. Eligibility requirements, sales closing dates, agent contact information, and premium quotes will be provided. The fourth year project goal is to build the foundation for a successful future, both for the individual farmer, as well as the state of Hawaii.

"RMA is pleased to provide this type of educational support to farmers and rural America to help mitigate risk," says Heather Manzano, Acting Administrator, Risk Management Agency. "These programs will provide information on Crop Insurance 101, Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP), and Rainfall Index Insurance."

"The AgriLogic Consulting team is honored to once again be able to deliver risk management education to underserved producers in Hawaii," says Nicole Gueck, Risk Management Specialist, AgriLogic Consulting. "Our previous work in the state has proven beneficial to a wide variety of individuals and will ultimately result in a more sustainable future for the agricultural community. We look forward to another successful year."

RMA provides funding for organizations in the form of cooperative agreements to provide education and training nationwide. Earlier this year RMA announced availability of funds for risk management education and training to assist producers, including limited resource, socially disadvantaged and other traditionally underserved farmers and ranchers. The funding also targeted training for new producers and military veterans returning to farm and ranch. Our organization is a recipient of one of these cooperative agreements.

#

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).