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Good morning,

As a reminder per Memorandum 2024-013, the commission's practice policy variances in response to the Governor's Executive Order addressing drought, ended June 30, 2025. For all contracts starting in FY26, the commission's regular practice policies must be followed for all practices. Due to the commission's drought variance policies, there have been several years in a row that producers have been allowed to harvest cover crops for hay or haylage. Please ensure producers are aware they can't harvest cover crops in FY26. Additionally, the practices that require livestock exclusion that the commission allowed to be grazed must again be protected from grazing if still under the contract maintenance life.

If you have any questions, please contact your district coordinator.

Thank you,

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