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TO: All Approved Insurance Providers
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices
All Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Late Applications - Louisiana

BACKGROUND:

Due to recent Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in Louisiana that caused widespread damage (flooding, destruction of buildings, homes and infrastructure) many producers were unable to conduct business, and in particular had difficulty purchasing crop insurance coverage for the 2009 crop year by the September 30 sales closing date for oats, sugarcane and wheat. While crop insurance policies automatically renew each year, in certain cases these storms made it impossible for new producers to timely contact an insurance agent to obtain at least the minimal level of crop insurance coverage needed to meet certain farm program requirements.

ACTION:

For the 2009 crop year only, Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) may accept on a case-by-case basis, crop insurance applications not later than October 10, 2008, from producers in the State of Louisiana only for the Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) level of coverage for oats, sugarcane or wheat. Producers must demonstrate that the impacts of Hurricane Gustav and Ike prevented them from making a timely application for crop insurance coverage. No applications for additional coverage policies or coverage changes to carry-over policies may be accepted after the September 30, 2008, sales closing date.

AIPs and their agents must ensure the policyholder's file for which an application for CAT coverage is accepted after the September 30, 2008, sales closing date contains documentation supporting the producer was unable to timely apply for crop insurance coverage due to the impacts of Hurricane Gustav and Ike.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This bulletin will remain in effect until October 10, 2008.



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