

United States Department of Agriculture

**BULLETIN NO.: MGR-10-001** 

Management Agency

Stop 0801

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20250-0801

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** William J. Murphy /s/William J. Murphy 1/21/10

Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Tennessee Crop Insurance Loss Adjuster Licensing Requirements

## **BACKGROUND**:

Section II.A.6.(c) of the 2010 Standard Reinsurance Agreement (SRA) provides certification requirements for all loss adjusters adjusting eligible crop insurance contracts, including licensure by a State if required by the State.

The State of Tennessee recently enacted legislation (effective January 1, 2010) requiring that crop insurance loss adjusters be licensed by the State. Specifically, Title 56, Chapter 6, Part 10 of the Tennessee Code states that "the Commissioner shall promulgate rules to establish the qualifications for the issuance of a license under this part (Tennessee Code 56-6-1004)."

## **ACTION:**

All approved insurance providers (AIPs) are hereby notified that pending publication of regulations regarding the licensure of crop insurance loss adjusters, the State of Tennessee is prepared to issue licenses to individuals who submit a completed application, have received Crop Adjuster Proficiency Program certification, and who pay the application fee. For any notice of loss submitted after January 1, 2010, the loss adjuster will be required to have provided the necessary information to the State of Tennessee and received a license before they may work on such claims. Individuals who are not licensed by the State of Tennessee may continue to adjust and pay claims with loss notices occurring before January 1, 2010.

## **DISPOSAL DATE:**

This bulletin will remain in effect until January 31, 2011.

