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SUBJECT: Change in 2012 Crop Year Final Plant Date for Irrigated Cotton in Jackson and
Tillman County, Oklahoma

BACKGROUND:

The final planting date for irrigated cotton for the 2012 crop year in Jackson and Tillman Counties, Oklahoma was changed from June 10 to June 20 to provide consistency between the irrigated and non-irrigated final planting date. However, after the publication of the actuarial documents for these counties, questions were raised as to whether this change was made in error.

After a review of correspondence from Oklahoma State University, Department of Agronomy, Cooperative Extension Service and discussions with the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, it was confirmed that irrigated cotton in primarily 4 southwestern Oklahoma counties is planted using longer season varieties that are less determinate, than the shorter season more determinate cotton varieties planted on non-irrigated acreage. Research trials demonstrate that significant yield loss can occur when irrigated cotton acreage in these counties is planted after June 10. Therefore, the final planting date for irrigated cotton is appropriately established as June 10, and should not have been changed for the 2012 crop year.

ACTION:

To correct this inadvertent error the final planting date for irrigated cotton in Jackson and Tillman Counties, Oklahoma for the 2012 crop year will be June 10. The non-irrigated cotton final planting date will remain June 20.

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2012



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