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

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SUBJECT: Continuation of One Sample Strategy for Aflatoxin Testing in Texas

BACKGROUND:

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) issued Manager's Bulletin MGR-11-011 on July 26, 2011, authorizing the "One Sample Strategy (OSS)" for aflatoxin testing in approved Texas elevator facilities for the 2011 crop year. The Bulletin stated RMA would annually reauthorize the program. RMA held discussions with the Office of the Texas State Chemist (OTSC), Regional Offices, and other interested parties, and received written summary results from OTSC to determine whether to continue the program beyond the 2011 crop year.

ACTION:

For the 2012 and succeeding crop years, Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) may consider OTSC-approved Texas grain elevator facilities to be approved laboratories for corn Aflatoxin testing for crop insurance purposes, unless OTSC or RMA announces the suspension of OSS.

The OTSC will provide a list of participating elevator facilities that are certified to test for Aflatoxin on their website at the following address:

<http://otscweb.tamu.edu/Risk/OneSample/SampleAbout.aspx>

This list will be updated weekly. If an elevator is decertified by the OTSC, Aflatoxin tests conducted by that elevator after the date of decertification must not be used for Federal crop insurance purposes.

The OTSC will provide official test certificates of analysis documenting the level of Aflatoxin which will be completed by the participating elevator and provided to the insured. AIPs using these test results for claims settlement must maintain a copy of this official test certificate for the claim file.



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AIPs may continue to use other approved private, State, or university laboratories for Aflatoxin testing in lieu of any elevators operating under the OTSC'OSS program.

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2012