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Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

**TO:** All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

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**SUBJECT:** Adjustment to the Simplified Claim Process (SCP) - Increased Dollar

Tolerance Due to 2012 Drought Situation

## **BACKGROUND:**

Due to the severe drought situation currently affecting the United States, Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) have expressed concern to the Risk Management Agency (RMA) about the heavy claims workload they will encounter and have asked RMA to provide some relief by increasing the dollar tolerance for the crops for which use of the SCP is allowed.

## **ACTION:**

For the 2012 crop year only, RMA is authorizing an increase in the dollar tolerance for use of the SCP to \$20,000 for optional units and \$40,000 for Basic Units, Enterprise Units, and Whole Farm Units. All other SCP procedures outlined in paragraph 137 of the 2012 Loss Adjustment Manual (LAM) Handbook Standards (FCIC-25010) are still applicable.

## **DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2012

