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FROM:

United States Department of Agriculture

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Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

Risk Management Agency

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SUBJECT: New Program Discrimination Complaint Form

BACKGROUND:

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (OASCR) is introducing a new way for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) customers and participants in programs that receive financial assistance from USDA to file a civil rights complaint. The new complaint form was developed to reduce complaint processing time and make it easier to resolve straightforward issues as soon as a complaint is filed. The OASCR has requested that every agency use whatever means of communication are customary for their agency to provide information about the new complaint form to their customers and program recipients.

The new complaint form can be found online at:

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and on the Spanish website at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/es_us/sp_complaint_filing_cust.html

ACTION:

The delivery of the Federal crop insurance program is administered by approved insurance providers (AIPs) and their affiliates who communicate directly with program participants. To facilitate the notification of the new complaint form to program participants, the Risk Management Agency is requesting that the AIPs utilize their customary communication systems to advise policyholders and affiliates of the new complaint form.

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2013.

