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Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

**TO:** All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

Risk Management Agency

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

Tolerance

## **BACKGROUND:**

On August 8, 2012, the Risk Management Agency (RMA) issued MGR-12-009, adjustment to the Simplified Claim Process (SCP) - Increased Dollar Tolerance Due to 2012 Drought Situation. Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) have requested that RMA continue the authorization of the increased SCP dollar tolerances for the 2013 crop year, citing continued higher commodity prices, ongoing drought, and increased efficiency in claims processing as reasons to do so.

## **ACTION:**

For the 2013 crop year only, RMA is authorizing the continued use of the increased SCP dollar tolerance of \$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 2013 Loss Adjustment Manual (LAM) Handbook Standards (FCIC-25010) are still applicable.

## **DISPOSAL DATE:**

Until 2013 crop year claims are processed.

