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

**FROM:** Brandon C. Willis /s/ *Brandon Willis* 10/24/2014  
Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Cultivated Clam Pilot Crop Insurance Program

**BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors (Board) approved the Cultivated Clam Pilot Crop Insurance Program beginning with the 2000 crop year in Florida, Massachusetts, South Carolina, and Virginia. The Risk Management Agency (RMA) contracted for a comprehensive evaluation of the pilot program. After considering the results of the completed evaluation, along with other information available, the FCIC Board terminated the Cultivated Clam pilot Crop Insurance Program in Florida and converted the pilot program to a permanent program status in the remaining states. The program will remain as a pilot in Massachusetts, South Carolina, and Virginia until such time that RMA is able to complete the rulemaking process and convert it to a permanent regulatory program. The Cultivated Clam evaluation report may be found at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/2011/cultivatedclam.pdf>.

**ACTION:**

The Cultivated Clam pilot crop insurance program is being terminated for the 2015 and subsequent crop years in Florida. Approved Insurance Providers must notify policyholders in Florida that their cultivated clam policies are being cancelled no later than the cancellation date of November 30, 2014. If an Approved Insurance Provider accepts an application, or fails to timely cancel a Cultivated Clam pilot policy in Florida for the 2015 crop year by November 30, 2014, no reinsurance will be provided.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2014.