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

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SUBJECT: Nursery Hardiness Zone Changes in Florida for 2012

BACKGROUND

For the 2012 crop year, hardiness zones in the nursery software for the following 6 counties in Florida: De Soto, Hardee, Highland, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Polk were changed from hardiness zone 9B to 9A in error. Hardiness zone 9B requires plants to be stored in a greenhouse or a shadehouse; however, hardiness zone 9A requires plants to be stored in a greenhouse. This change in hardiness zone unintentionally results in certain nursery plants, previously insured since 1999, to not be eligible for the 2012 crop year.

ACTION

Effective for the 2012 crop year, hardiness zone 9B will be applicable to the following six counties in FL: De Soto, Hardee, Highland, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Polk.

Updates to the nursery software reflecting hardiness zone 9B in the above stated counties will be provided no later than Friday, June 3, 2011.

DISPOSAL DATE

December 31, 2012.



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