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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-11-038**

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

FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/ *Tim B. Witt*  
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SUBJECT: Cultivated Clam Pilot Crop Insurance Program

**BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors (Board) approved continuation of the Cultivated Clam pilot crop insurance program for the 2012 crop year. The Cultivated Clam pilot program covers cultivated *mercenaria mercenaria* species of clams in Florida, Massachusetts, South Carolina, and Virginia. Revisions to the program materials effective for crop year 2012 include reduced minimum sampling requirements for pre-acceptance and loss adjustment inspections.

Producers interested in the Cultivated Clam pilot program will need to contact a crop insurance agent and complete an application. The Risk Management Agency (RMA) publishes a list of agents on its website at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html> .

The sales closing date is November 30, 2011 for the 2012 crop year.

**ACTION:**

The following 2012 crop year Cultivated Clam pilot crop insurance program materials will be available by close of business today and may be accessed on the RMA website at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/> and <http://www.rma.usda.gov/handbooks/>.

**MATERIAL**

- Cultivated Clam Pilot Crop Provisions (2012)
- Cultivated Clam Pilot Underwriting Guide (2012)
- Cultivated Clam Pilot Loss Adjustment Standards Handbook (2012)

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2011



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