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TO: All Reinsured Companies

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All other Interested Parties

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Acting Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: 2005 and 2006 Appendix III, Data Acceptance System Handbooks

The 2005 and 2006 Appendix III, Data Acceptance System Handbooks, have been updated with approved modifications. Appendix III is available electronically via the Risk Management Agency (RMA) website at http://www.rma.usda.gov/data/ under the Data Acceptance System Handbook directory.

Modifications in the 2005 and 2006 Appendix III resulting from Reinsured Company and RMA suggestions include:

- Added reporting requirements for Macadamia Trees;
- New Record, Type 25 Settlement/Arbitration Reporting;
- Added "H" code to identify high risk land location id;
- Requirements for Cherries regarding yield limits due to Special Provisions;
- Requirements for 2007 Crop Year Nursery in 2006 DAS;
- New Record, Type 57 Quality Control Reporting 2005 and 2006;
- Changes in Fund Designation Reporting requirements;
- Requirements for 2007 Crop Year Florida Fruit Trees in 2006 DAS;
- Changes in output format for PolicyHolder Tracking; and
- Changes in allowable characters in name fields.

Companies can email their questions or comments regarding Appendix III content, using "2006" in the subject line to appendixiii.comments@rma.usda.gov.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is December 31, 2006.

