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Risk Management Agency

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TO: All Approved Insurance Providers

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

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Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: 2008 Appendix III, Draft Data Acceptance System Handbook

The 2008 Draft Appendix III has been placed on the RMA website under Draft 2008. Companies can email their questions or comments regarding Appendix III content, using "comments" in the subject line to appendixiii.comments@rma.usda.gov.

Additionally, 2007 and prior 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 prior year's Appendix III resulting from Approved Insurance Providers and RMA suggestions include:

- Price election clarification for Hybrid Seed;
- Rounding of production to count for Revenue;
- Agent SSN of the agent currently servicing the policy;
- Clarification of Transaction Cutoff Dates;
- Loss Guarantee and Indemnity calculations for GRIP crops with Harvest Revenue Option Endorsement;
- Allow special characters in address lines;
- Requirements for Hawaii Tropical Fruit and Trees;
- Loss Calculations for GRIP HRO;
- Updated T11 and T15 exhibits and calculations for Peanuts.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is June 30, 2007.