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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: Pilot Biotech Yield Endorsement (BYE) – Removal of Yield Descriptor

Requirement

BACKGROUND:

The Pilot BYE Insurance Standards Handbook provides that non-irrigated corn for grain acreage eligible for the Pilot BYE premium rate reduction must be identified with an applicable BYE yield descriptor when completing Actual Production History (APH) databases for such acreage.

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has determined that identifying applicable APH databases with BYE yield descriptors will not be required.

ACTION:

Approved Insurance Providers will not be required to identify non-irrigated corn for grain acreage eligible for the Pilot BYE premium rate reduction for the 2008 crop year with any BYE yield descriptor when completing APH databases for such acreage. RMA will revise Appendix III accordingly.

The requirement for yield descriptors contained in Part 2, Paragraph 23 Yield Descriptors of the Pilot BYE Insurance Standards Handbook are not applicable. The Pilot BYE Insurance Standards Handbook on the RMA website will be modified to update page 2 of the Table of Contents, and page 26 to withdraw Paragraph 23.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This informational memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is December 31, 2008.

