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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-08-055**

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

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SUBJECT: Silage Sorghum Pilot Program Policy Materials

**BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board of Directors (Board) on June 25, 2008, approved the extension of the Silage Sorghum pilot program (pilot) through the 2010 crop year. The decision to continue the pilot, with modifications, was based, in part, upon information resulting from a contracted evaluation of the Sorghum Silage pilot program. This evaluation was used to assist in determining whether to convert the pilot to a permanent program, continue it with modifications or to terminate it. The Board believed it was in the best interest of producers to make modifications to the Silage Sorghum pilot program and continue sales through the 2010 crop year, when its performance will again be reviewed. One of the key modifications recommended by the contractor was to eliminate the indexing of the Actual Production History (APH) and convert it to the standard APH plan of insurance.

**ACTION:**

The 2009 Silage Sorghum pilot program materials will be available by the close of business today on the RMA website at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/pilots/2009pilot.html>.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and its disposal date is December 31, 2008.

