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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Approved Insurance Providers Servicing Florida

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SUBJECT: Procedures for Completing the Producer's Pre-Acceptance

Worksheet for Florida Citrus Fruit Crops

BACKGROUND:

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) requires that insureds certify the status of insured citrus fruit groves through the annual completion of a Producer's Pre-Acceptance Worksheet (PAW). The 2012 FCIC 18010 Crop Insurance Handbook (CIH), Section 16D(3) requires hard copy records of acreage and production when an insured certifies on the PAW that damage has occurred and/or practices/production methods have been performed that will reduce an insured's crop production from previous crop years.

RMA has received concerns regarding this requirement since Florida Citrus Fruit is a Dollar Amount of Insurance Plan which does not require hardcopy records of acreage and production to establish an insurance guarantee.

ACTION:

AIPs are not required to initially obtain hard copy records of acreage and production from the insured, or to submit these records with the Regional Office (RO) Determined Yield Request, unless requested by the RO. This action does not change the requirement to possess and maintain these records as outlined in Section 21(b)(1) of the Common Crop Insurance Policy (11-BR). Additionally, AIPs may request acreage and production records if, during the Pre-Acceptance Inspection Report (PAIR), they determine these records are warranted to assess the productive capability of the grove.

If you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance please contact our office at (229) 219 2200.

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2012, or when incorporated into the CIH.



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