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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Approved Insurance Providers Servicing Florida

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SUBJECT: Additional Guidance for Submitting Florida Citrus RO Determined Yield Requests

BACKGROUND:

The 2014 Crop Insurance Handbook, FCIC-18010, (CIH), Par. 1709, establishes triggers for when a Perennial Crop Pre-Acceptance Inspection Report (PAIR) must be completed and subsequent Regional Office (RO) Determined Yield requested. The PAIR is designed to assist an Approved Insurance Provider (AIP) in determining the insurability of the crop and verify information provided by the insured on the Pre-Acceptance Worksheet.

Due to the spread of Citrus Greening disease (Huanglongbing), the Valdosta RO recently received inquiries for additional guidance in cases when the PAIR requires an RO Determined Yield to be requested. The AIPs in the Valdosta region, who determine a RO Determined Yield Request is required as a result of the presence of Citrus Greening disease, must submit additional information specific to Asian citrus psyllid control measures.

ACTION:

In accordance with the CIH Part 17, Section 3, Par. 1721, the Valdosta RO will request the following additional supporting documentation in order to review Florida Citrus Determined Yield Requests received.

A Florida Citrus Determined Yield request must include a statement from the AIP stating whether, or not, they considered the policyholder's Asian citrus psyllid control measures in their assessment. In addition, the following additional supporting statements or narratives must be submitted to the Valdosta RO:

1. If the policyholder is actively participating in a Citrus Health Management Area, identify which one; and
2. Describe the nutritional foliar treatments employed by the policyholder, including the product names and frequency of applications.

3. If 1 and 2 are not applicable, verify and describe if the policyholder is implementing other Asian citrus psyllid control measures.

All RO Determined Yield Requests must be submitted to the Valdosta RO, with the completed PAIRs and any additional documentation, no later than 30 days after the date of this Informational Memorandum. The PAIRs must be completed within 60 days of the Acreage Reporting Date, unless an extension is authorized by the Valdosta RO.

If you have any questions, or if we can be of any assistance, please contact the Valdosta RO at (229) 242-7235.

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2014