COUNTY PROGRAM EXPANSION: LGM Swine and LRP Lamb were added to all counties.

COUNTY PROGRAM DELETIONS: WHEAT in Crawford and Iron counties.

DATES:
• AGR-Lite: Contract change date changed to August 31. Used to be November 30.

RATES:
• APPLES: No changes to rates.
• CRANBERRIES: No change to Douglas and Sawyer; all other counties have rate decreases.
• FORAGE PRODUCTION APH & GRP: Rate review done for APH Forage Production with varying rate changes noted. Please check county documents.
• MINT: No change to Jefferson and Walworth counties; rate increases in Dane and Marquette counties.
• NURSERY: No changes to rates.
• WHEAT: New target rates established for all counties. Varying rate changes noted.

STATEMENTS:
• WHEAT: Quality adjustment statements have changed and discount factors updated on SPOIs.
• MINT:
  - Age limitation statement changed.
  - Date statement added to show different sales closing and acreage reporting dates under the new Winter Coverage Option.
• NURSERY: Two new statements added to SPOIs: “Omitted Plants” and “Missing Sizes”, and the 2007 statement “Unreported Units” was modified and renamed “Unreported Plant Types” for 2008.

PRACTICES: No changes

TYPES:
• MINT: Types changed to be Peppermint, Native Spearmint, and Scotch Spearmint

T-YIELDS:
• FORAGE PRODUCTION: T-yields updated for 2008, with increases of 10-20 percent being common.
• MINT: Reviewed but no changes made.
• WHEAT: T-yields updated for 2008 and are generally increasing, with many counties in SE Wisconsin increasing 20-30 percent.

MAPS: No changes

OTHER:
• APPLES: The plan code for Apples was changed from Plan 86 (GYC) to Plan 90 (APH). The Coverage and Rates table looks like apples is a continuously rated crop but a zero exponent has been used, so Apples is still a flat-rated crop.
• APPLES: Change in plan code to Plan 90 has caused the option factors for Fresh Option to be changed to an add-on rate that is shown in the “Additional Coverage, High Risk, and Map Area Rates” table.
• FORAGE PRODUCTION APH: The 80% and 85% coverage levels have been added to all counties.
• MINT:
  - Winter Coverage is now an option instead of being part of the Mint Types.
  - Will become a permanent program for 2008 after being a pilot program since 2000.
• Revised Livestock Gross Margin policy materials are discussed in the Informational Memorandum PM-07-017 found at http://www.rma.usda.gov/bulletins/rd/2007/07-017.pdf
• Hail and Fire Exclusion factors have been changed for Cranberries, APH Forage Production, Mint, and Wheat.

NOTE: This is not an official document. For official changes, refer to the 2008 Crop Year Summary of Change and Actuarial Documents for fall crops.

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