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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

Risk Management Agency

TO: ALL NORTHEAST REINSURED COMPANIES

Raleigh Regional Office

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Subject: Request for RMA Regional Office Determined Yields for the 2009 Crop Year

Category "C" Actual Production History (APH) Perennial Crops

ISSUE:

The 2007 Crop Insurance Handbook (CIH) Section 7F(2), provides procedure and formulas designed to identify and adjust perennial crop APH yield averages that indicate patterns of high yield variability, or yields that are trending downward.

ACTION:

In those cases where the insured believes their yields may be inappropriately identified by the high variability of actual yields or downward yield trending procedure, Section 7F(2)(b), RMA RO Determined Yields may be requested by the insured. The Insurance Provider must submit a completed RMA RO Determined Yield Request with all required documentation (see 2007 CIH, Section 7F(6) and Exhibit 34). The request and all supportive documentation must be received in the Raleigh RO by March 2, 2009.

Under item number 8 (Exhibit 34) of the RMA RO Determined Yield Request, the producer must outline why any unit(s) should not be adjusted for high variability of actual yields, or downward yield trending. All applicable documents and any additional supporting documentation (for example: Newspaper, Magazine, Extension, or FSA notices of an area wide "widespread" crop loss due to a weather related event) should be noted and submitted with the request.

All documentation will be reviewed to determine if yield adjustments are needed. Incomplete requests, late requests, and requests that do not contain information to indicate that adjustment is needed will be denied.

