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TO: All Reinsured Companies  
All Risk Management Field Offices

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SUBJECT: 2000 County Crop Program Expansion

**BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) has expanded the number of counties where certain crops are insurable for the 2000 crop year. The following attachments, ***2000 EXPANSION OF EXISTING PROGRAMS***, and ***2000 EXPANSION OF PILOT PROGRAMS*** list the 2000 crop year fall and spring crop expansion by crop, state, and county for permanently-established (non-pilot) programs and pilot programs.

The Risk Management Agency is continuing the policy of expanding crop insurance programs consistent with the Administration's policy of providing producers the opportunity and responsibility for managing their own risk for their farming operations. Producers who fail to purchase at least Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) level of insurance coverage for each crop of economic significance or fail to sign a waiver of any eligibility for emergency crop loss assistance for the crop, will not be eligible for other USDA program benefits including:

a) benefits under the Agricultural Market Transition Act (AMTA); 2) loans or any other USDA provided farm credit identified in the regulations, and; 3) benefits under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

**ACTION:**

Insurance providers should advise producers of the expanded county crop programs for which the sales closing date has not passed in their counties for the 2000 crop year to allow producers the opportunity to purchase crop insurance. This can be done by contacting individual



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Attachments