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TO: All Reinsured Companies
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices
All Other Interested Parties

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Administrator

SUBJECT: "Hulling Oil" Sunflowers

BACKGROUND:

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has received several inquiries requesting a determination on the classification of "hulling oil" sunflowers as an oil or non-oil type for the purposes of the Federal crop insurance program. Hulling oil sunflowers are dual-purpose sunflowers aimed at the confectionary sunflower market, but may be sold as oil sunflowers without any price adjustment if they do not meet confection standards. RMA reviewed the characteristics and marketing of these sunflowers with a specialist from the Agricultural Research Service, as well as sunflower processors in order to provide a determination. Based on the information received and our assessment of potential over insurance of these varieties under certain conditions, RMA has determined that these varieties should be insured as oil-type sunflowers.

ACTION:

For the 2002 and 2003 crop years hulling oil sunflower varieties will be insured as oil-type sunflowers. This determination applies, but is not limited, to sunflower varieties identified as Dahlgren 2010, Dahlgren 2011, RRC 2010, and RRC 2011. Any other sunflower seed variety that exhibits similar characteristics to these hulling oil sunflowers must also be insured as oil-type sunflowers.

For the 2004 crop year, RMA will review any additional available data in order to determine if hulling oil sunflowers should continue to be insured as oil-type sunflowers and incorporate the determination into the appropriate actuarial documents.

DISPOSAL:

This bulletin is for transmitting/updating program information and the expiration date is December 31, 2003.



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