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

FROM: Ross J. Davidson, Jr. /s/Ross J. Davidson, Jr.
Administrator

SUBJECT: 2003 Crop Year Group Risk Plan Sales Closing Dates in Texas

BACKGROUND:

Program dates for certain 2003 crop year Group Risk Plan (GRP) crop/county combinations in Texas do not coincide with Actual Production History (APH) program dates. The condition is limited to recent expansion counties. Although several program dates are impacted, particular concern exists for certain sales closing dates that have been set such that they may allow the producer to utilize later weather and other information, both of which could pose significant adverse selection risks.

ACTION:

In accordance with sections 508(b)(8) and (c)(9) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, the Risk Management Agency (RMA) has determined that the insurance risk is excessive when the sales closing date may allow producers to take advantage of later weather or other information, thus creating the potential for adverse selection. Due to the excessive risk, the sale of GRP insurance will cease effective today for the Texas GRP corn counties listed below. For data processing purposes, RMA will update the Actuarial Data Master with today's date for fund designation and for determination of late sales reductions. The affected GRP Texas corn counties are:

2003 crop year GRP corn:

Bee, Bell, Bexar, Calhoun, Cameron, Ellis, Falls, Fort Bend, Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Hill, Jackson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Live Oak, McLennan, Medina, Milam, Neuces, Refugio, San Patricio, Uvalde, Victoria, Wharton, and Williamson



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DISPOSAL DATE:

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