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Department of
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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. 3/2/2005

Administrator

SUBJECT: 2005 Crop Year Group Risk Income Protection-Harvest Revenue Option

(GRIP-HRO) Sales Closing Dates and 2005 Crop Year Revenue Assurance

(RA) Final Planting Dates

BACKGROUND:

Program dates for certain 2005 crop year Group Risk Income Protection Harvest Revenue Option (GRIP-HRO) and Revenue Assurance (RA) crop/county combinations in Texas and Oklahoma do not coincide with Actual Production History (APH) program dates. The condition is limited to recent expansion counties. Concern exists that certain sales closing dates or final planting dates have been set such that they may allow the producer to utilize later weather and other information, both of which could pose adverse risk selection.

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 or final planting date may allow producers to take advantage of later weather or other information, thus creating the potential for adverse selection. Accordingly, the sale of Federal crop insurance will cease effective today for the crops, insurance plans, and 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 crops, insurance plans, and counties are:

2005 crop year GRIP-HRO Grain Sorghum in Texas:

Bee, Calhoun, Cameron, Fort Bend, Hidalgo, Hill, Jackson, Kleberg, McLennan, Matagorda, Neuces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Victoria, Wharton, and Willacy

2005 crop year RA Cotton in Oklahoma:

Texas County



DISPOSAL DATE:

This bulletin is for transmitting/updating information and the expiration date is December 31, 2005.