

United States Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency	BULLETIN NO.: MGR-05-013	
	TO:	All Reinsured Companies All Risk Management Agency Field Offices All Other Interested Parties
1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-0801	FROM:	Ross J. Davidson, Jr. /s/ Ross J. Davidson, Jr. 9/2/2005 Administrator
	SUBJECT:	Pilot Nursery Grower's Price Endorsement (NGPE) for the 2006 Crop Year

BACKGROUND:

On August 5, 2005, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board of Directors approved the pilot Nursery Grower's Price Endorsement (NGPE) to the Nursery Crop Provisions for 19 states (AL, AR, CT, FL, GA, KY, LA, MA, MD, MS, NC, NJ, NY, OR, PA, SC, TN, VA, and WA) for the 2006 crop year. The NGPE will permit nursery growers who purchase buy-up coverage to insure specific plants at prices that are higher than those shown on the Eligible Plant List and Plant Price Schedule (EPLPPS).

ACTION:

For the 2006 crop year:

- The NGPE may be purchased through October 31, 2005, and sales may begin once approved insurance providers have completed training and education on the endorsement. To be eligible, growers must have elected additional coverage, and a 30-day waiting period is applicable before NGPE coverage begins. The sales closing date remains unchanged for the Nursery Crop Provisions.
- According to section 5 of the NGPE, growers who elect the endorsement must submit an Upgraded Plant Report using the EPLPPS software (software). However, the software has not been modified to generate the Report for the 2006 crop year. Therefore, growers must manually generate the Report for 2006. The Report must, however, meet the requirements listed in section 5 of the NGPE. The software will generate the Report for the 2007 and subsequent crop years.
- Approved Insurance Providers must report the code "PO" in field 29, Common Option Codes, to the Data Acceptance System for insureds who elect the NGPE. Actuarial documents will not be refiled; however, the Actuarial Data Master will be updated accordingly.



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The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has placed the Nursery Crop Provisions, Pilot Nursery Grower's Price Endorsement (06-073C) on the RMA Web site at: <u>http://www.rma.usda.gov/pilots/2006pilot.html</u>.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is December 31, 2005.