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TO: All Reinsured Companies

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

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Administrator

SUBJECT: Termination of the Pilot Processing Cucumber Crop Insurance Program

BACKGROUND:

The Pilot Processing Cucumber Crop Insurance Program was implemented for the 2000 crop year in Gratiot and St Joseph counties in Michigan; Columbus, Duplin, Greene, Franklin and Robeson counties in North Carolina; Clarendon county in South Carolina; and Frio, Medina and Uvalde counties in Texas. On October 29, 2003, the Board extended the program through the 2005 crop year so that a final pilot program evaluation could be completed. An evaluation of the pilot program was conducted and the results of the evaluation were presented to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board of Directors (Board) on August 5, 2005.

Based on the evaluation findings, the Board voted to terminate the Pilot Processing Cucumber Crop Insurance Program. Information on this decision can be viewed on the Risk Management Agency Website at: http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/fcic/2005/805cucumber.pdf.

ACTION:

The Pilot Processing Cucumber Crop Insurance Program is terminated for the 2006 crop year. To provide policyholders with an opportunity to review alternate risk management options, cancellation notices should be sent to all producers participating in this program no later than November 30, 2005. Further, no applications may be accepted for the 2006 crop year. If a reinsured company accepts an application or fails to timely cancel the Pilot Processing Cucumber policy for the 2006 crop year, no reinsurance will be provided.

Producers who participated in the Pilot Processing Cucumber Crop Insurance Program should be advised about the availability of coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for which information can be found at the Farm Service Agency Website at: http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/nap.htm.