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In general, Category C Actual Production History (APH) procedure will be used except for the differences indicated on the APH Procedure & Comparison Reference Guide. For example, assigned yields are not applicable and if in subsequent crop years the required sales records are not provided, the policy will be referred to the Risk Management Agency Regional Service Office (RSO) and the RSO will assign a revenue amount for that crop year.

Acceptable Pecan Supporting Records: Cooperative pool statements, pool summary statements, receipts from shellers or accumulators showing pounds sold and price received per pound.

The following procedure is to be used in lieu of the same (numbered) paragraphs contained in Section 7 of the FCIC 18010 (Crop Insurance Handbook).

E(22) **IMPORTANT:** Prior to answering this question, the average revenue based on certified data must be calculated. Tree thinning is considered a cultural practice that will reduce the insured crop's production from previous levels. If the applicant answers "YES" to this question, a field inspection and hard copy records of acreage and revenue are required.

F(1) Required Pre-Acceptance Field Inspection. Insurance Providers must perform pre-acceptance field inspections:

(a) For all new insureds.

(b) Added land.

F(2) Pre-Acceptance Field Inspection Selection Criteria. The following pre-acceptance field inspection criteria apply to Pecans.

(2)(a) Productivity is reduced. An inspection is required when KNOWN tree damage has occurred or cultural practices have been performed that will reduce the insured crop from previous production levels.

Exhibit 16, 1H(16) For Pecans, evaluate each block to determine if light penetration into the canopy is sufficient to stimulate nut development. Rate as good, fair, or poor based on your inspection.