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TO: All Reinsured Companies
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

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SUBJECT: 1999 Manual-13, Data Acceptance System (DAS) Handbook

The 1999 Manual 13, Data Acceptance System and Reinsurance Accounting System Handbook, has been updated. This update includes modifications for the AGR Loss Record and clarifications. These changes were discussed at the December 8 and 9, 1999 Information Technology Meeting with company representatives. They have also been available for comment under the Draft M-13 Section on the RMA website.

The 1999 Handbook is maintained electronically via the Risk Management Agency's (RMA) Home Page. The RMA Website address is: <http://www.act.fcic.usda.gov/actuarial/> under the Data Acceptance System (M-13) Handbook directory.

For questions regarding content of book, please contact Seavey Anthony, Data Quality Section, at (816) 926-3865. Questions on downloading files should be directed to Trish Blegen at (816) 926-3883.

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The 1999 M-13 has been updated with the following changes:

1. 11 Record - Added statement for IP Malt Barley to narrative for Rate Class (field 18). Changed the IP County Average Yield (field 55) to a whole number Pic 9(08)
2. 11 Record Exhibit - Updated Option codes on Exhibit 11-9 for codes PF and PT.
3. 11 Record Calculation - Updated percent on Subsidy calculation for Income Protection.
4. 12 Record - Updated narrative for Payment Type (field 9).
5. 15 Record Exhibit - Added statement stating that Caps - Cups - Floors do not apply to IP.
6. 21 Record Exhibit - Updated stage codes for Florida Fruit Trees (21-5)
7. 23 Record - New record for AGR Loss.
8. 23 Record Calculations - New calculation page for AGR Indemnities.