



United States Department of Agriculture

Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services
Risk Management Agency

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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-00-016

TO: All Reinsured Companies
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/ Tim B. Witt
Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: Asiatic Citrus Canker Quarantine Advisory- Florida Fruit Tree Pilot Crop Insurance Program

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Fruit Tree Pilot crop insurance program provides coverage against several perils, including Asiatic Citrus Canker (ACC). When coverage is requested for acreage located in counties where the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Plant Industry (DPI) has established a quarantine area, the applicant must submit an ACC Underwriting Certification to the insurance company as a condition of eligibility for ACC coverage. This Certification is obtained from DPI.

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has been informed by DPI that it recently established one or more ACC quarantine areas in Hillsborough County, Florida. This brings the number of Florida counties with currently-established ACC quarantine zones to six. The other counties are: Broward, Dade, Collier, Hendry, and Manatee.

ACTION:

All program participants are advised that:

1. An ACC quarantine area has been established by DPI in Hillsborough County, Florida.
2. As of this date, applicants must submit a current ACC Underwriting Certification as a condition of ACC insurance eligibility in Hillsborough County, Florida.



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3. ACC quarantine areas remain in effect in Broward, Dade, Collier, Hendry, and Manatee counties, Florida, and ACC Underwriting Certifications are required in accordance with policy provisions.
4. ACC Underwriting Certification for Hillsborough County may be obtained by sending a request to DPI at:

Citrus Canker Project Office
Attention: Mr. Leon Hebb
3027 Lake Alfred Road
Winter Haven, Florida 33881
Phone: (941) 298-7777
Fax: (941) 291-5219

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Vollmert, Director, Research and Evaluation Division (816) 926-6343.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum will remain active until incorporated into the Underwriting Certification Guidelines for Insuring Citrus Trees Against Asiatic Citrus Canker (ACC). The estimated disposal date is December 31, 2001.