



United States of Agriculture
Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services
Risk Management Agency

November 5, 2001

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-01-050

TO: All Reinsured Companies
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

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

SUBJECT: Florida Fruit Tree Pilot Crop Insurance Updated Listing of Counties with Established Asiatic Citrus Canker (ACC) Quarantine Zones

BACKGROUND:

Asiatic Citrus Canker (ACC) is an insurable cause of loss for the Florida Fruit Tree Pilot Crop Insurance program. The policy provisions state that if a quarantine zone has been established in a county by either the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Plant Industry (DPI) or the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), then applicants for insurance, carryover insureds who did not have ACC coverage the previous year, and insureds who wish to increase coverage must obtain an acceptable ACC Underwriting Certification from DPI to be eligible for ACC coverage. Applicants or insureds who fail to submit an acceptable certification form will still be eligible for coverage against the other perils listed in the policy.

ACTION:

1. The DPI and/or APHIS has added Martin County, Florida, to the list of counties with established ACC quarantine zones.
2. Effective immediately, an acceptable ACC Underwriting Certification inspection, as specified in the crop provisions, is required for all insurable citrus trees. Carambola trees, a non-citrus species, are insurable but do not require an ACC Underwriting Certification inspection.



6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, MO 64133

All Programs Authorized Under the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
The Risk Management Agency Administers and Oversees

An Equal Opportunity Employer

3. ACC Underwriting Certification inspections may be obtained by sending a request to DPI at:

Citrus Canker Project Office
Attention: Mr. Junior Williams
4244 Bandy Boulevard
Ft. Pierce, Florida 34981
Phone: (561) 429-2000
Fax: (561) 429-2009

4. The requirement to submit ACC Underwriting Certifications continues in effect for the following counties: Collier, Broward, Dade, Hendry, Hillsborough, and Manatee.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Hippen, Product Development Division (816) 926-5602.

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.