



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

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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-02-032**

TO: Triticale and Hybrid Sunflower Seed Production Producer Groups  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Reinsured Companies

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

SUBJECT: Request for Input from Triticale and Hybrid Sunflower Seed Production  
Producer Groups

**BACKGROUND:**

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) intends to obtain input from producer groups before entering into contracts for research and development to increase participation in areas or for agricultural commodities that may be underserved by the Federal crop insurance program. RMA believes this input is critical in determining the need and direction of research and potential development.

**ACTION:**

RMA requests input from groups or individuals representing triticale or hybrid sunflower seed producers so that their needs, concerns, and other input may be considered before RMA enters into a contract for the research and possible development of risk management insurance products for producers of these commodities.

Of particular interest is any input that would help RMA determine the extent to which producers desire RMA to pursue such research and development of risk management products for their crops.

RMA is also interested in receiving specific suggestions and concerns regarding the structure, scope, and limitations producers want considered for such products.

Anyone who is aware of insurance protection that may be generally available from private companies to cover the risks that may likely be covered by an RMA insurance product, is requested to advise RMA.



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Please provide your input to Maureen Flood by August 9, 2002, to assure its consideration. Ms. Flood may be reached by e-mail at [Maureen.Flood@rm.fcic.usda.gov](mailto:Maureen.Flood@rm.fcic.usda.gov), by fax at (816) 926-7343, or at the following postal address:

Attention: Maureen Flood  
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Listed below are individuals and organizations who are being provided this memorandum. Anyone who is aware of other individuals or organizations representing triticale or hybrid sunflower seed producers is encouraged to provide a copy of this memorandum to them or to advise Ms. Flood how to contact them.

Individuals

Vance Ehmke  
Ron Kershen  
Jerry Monk  
Gary Regner  
Andy Whatley

Organizations

Agripro Seeds, Inc.  
Agway, Inc.  
Cargill Hybrid Seeds  
Colorado Association of Wheat Growers  
Colorado Seed Growers Association  
Croplan Genetics  
Dekalb Genetics Corp.  
Eureka Seeds, Inc.  
Integra Seed, LTD  
Interstate Payco Seed Company  
Kansas Association of Wheat Growers  
Kansas Crop Improvement Association  
Kansas Seed Industry Association  
Kaystar Seed  
Minnesota Crop Improvement Association  
Monsanto  
Mycogen Seeds

Organizations (continued)

National Sunflower Association  
New Mexico Crop Improvement Association  
New Mexico Grain and Feed Association  
New Mexico Wheat Growers Association  
North Dakota Crop Improvement Association  
North Dakota Grain Growers Association  
North Dakota Oilseed Council  
North Dakota Wheat Commission  
Novartis Seeds Inc.  
Panhandle Grain and Feed Association  
Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l, Inc.  
Proseed, Inc.  
Red River Commodities, Inc.  
Seed America  
Seeds 2000  
South Dakota Crop Improvement Association  
South Dakota Oilseeds Council  
South Dakota Wheat Commission  
Texas Seed Trade Association  
Triumph Seed Co., Inc.  
Utah Crop Improvement Association  
Utah Crop Production Association  
Utah Wheat Producers  
Warner Seed Co.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

This Informational Memorandum is effective until September 30, 2002.