July 8, 2002

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, by fax at (816) 926-7343, or at the following postal address:

Attention: Maureen Flood  
Research and Evaluation Division  
Risk Management Agency  
P. O. Box 419293, Stop 0813  
Kansas City, Missouri 64141-6293

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
- 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.