



United States Department of Agriculture
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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-03-004

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. This memorandum serves as notice that DPI and/or APHIS has added Lee and Orange Counties, 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 in Lee and Orange Counties. Carambola trees, a non-citrus species, are insurable but do not require an ACC Underwriting Certification inspection.



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3. ACC Underwriting Certification inspections may be obtained by sending a request to the applicable DPI contact as follows:

FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Citrus Canker Project Office
Attention: Mr. Michael Barnes
424 East New Market Road
Unit 10
Immokalee, FL 34142
Phone: (239) 658-3684
Fax: (239) 658-3692

FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Citrus Canker Project Office
Attention: Mr. Marc Couture and
Mr. Ralph Smith
800 Thorp Road
Orlando, FL 32824
Phone: (407) 251-2374
Fax: (407) 251-2538

- 4 The requirement to submit ACC Underwriting Certifications continues in effect in the following counties: Broward, Collier, DeSoto, Hendry, Highlands, Manatee, Martin, and Miami-Dade.

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

DISPOSAL:

This bulletin is for the purpose of transmitting/updating information and the expiration date is December 31, 2003.