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Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services  
Risk Management Agency

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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-03-018**

**TO:** All Reinsured Companies  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

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Deputy Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Issuance of Amendments FCIC-18010-03 to Update the FCIC 18010 Crop Insurance Handbook for the 2003 Crop Year

**BACKGROUND:**

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) issued Final Rule 7 CFR Part 718, Provisions Applicable to Multiple Programs referencing Skip-Row and Strip Crops for the 2003 crop year. The FSA rule revised provisions governing the density that a producer's acreage must be planted in order for a full acre to be considered planted for program purposes. The Risk Management Agency (RMA) utilizes the FSA percentage planting factors to determine the acres occupied by cotton for acreage reporting and actual production history (APH) purposes when cotton is planted in a skip-row pattern. RMA has updated Exhibit 17 to provide the new FSA percentage planting factors and applicable APH form examples consistent with recently released FSA procedural updates.

**ACTION:**

The 2003 CIH (FCIC 18010-03), with the amendments incorporated, is available on the RMA website at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/data/directives.html#18000>. Printed or electronic copies of the CIH may be obtained from the Risk Management Agency by contacting Steve Vollrath at 816-926-7965 or [Steve.Vollrath@rm.fcic.usda.gov](mailto:Steve.Vollrath@rm.fcic.usda.gov).

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and the disposal date is December 31, 2003.



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