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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-03-028

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

FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/Tim B. Witt
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SUBJECT: Basic Provisions for the 2004 Crop Year

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has placed the following Basic Provisions on the RMA Website at: http://www.rma.usda.gov/ under “Crop Policies:”

Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions (04-BR);

Group Risk Plan of Insurance (GRP) Basic Provisions (04-102);

Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC) Insurance Policy Basic Provisions (Ed. 06-19-03); and

Revenue Assurance Insurance Policy Basic Provisions (Ed. 6-19-03).

Summaries of changes are provided on the RMA website for the Common Crop Insurance Policy and GRP Basic Provisions.

The CRC and RA Basic Provisions were revised to include revisions mandated by the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended by the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000. They require an earlier notice of loss for prevented planting, clarify that all provisions of the policy and rights and responsibilities of the parties are specifically subject to the Act, include a section on the applicability of state and local statutes, and make minor corrections and clarifications.

The above documents are effective for the 2004 crop year for crops with a contract change date of June 30, 2003, and later. If you have any questions, please contact David Clauser, Product Development Division, at (816) 926-7730.
This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting/updating information and the disposal date is December 31, 2003.