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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-04-046

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: Procedure to Implement the 2005 Apple, Blueberry and Pecan Crop Provisions

The Apple Crop Provisions (05-054 Rev. 10/04), revised the minimum insurable grade to U.S. Number 1 Processing or better from Cider Grade or better. Any production grading less than U.S. No. 1 Processing is not reported for Actual Production History (APH) purposes. Sold production, that is not graded, is considered production to count for APH purposes. Conversion to the new minimum insurable grade for prior year’s previously reported APH production is not required.

The pilot blueberry program was converted to a permanent program for the 2005 crop year. The applicable procedures are contained in the 2005 FCIC 18010 (6-04) Crop Insurance Handbook (CIH).

The Pecan Revenue pilot program was converted to a permanent program. The Pecan Revenue Crop Provisions (05-020 Rev. 10/04) are effective for the 2005 crop year for those carryover insureds or new applicants whose first year of a two-year coverage module is 2005. A carryover insured whose first year of the two-year coverage module was 2004, will continue to be insured under the pilot policy {Pecan Revenue Pilot Crop Provisions (99-020)} and the 2004 actuarial documents through the 2005 crop year, if the policy remains in force.

Attached are Pecan Revenue procedures. These procedures are in addition to those contained in the 2005 CIH and supersede existing procedures that conflict with these new procedures.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This memorandum will remain active until incorporated into the CIH.