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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-04-048

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: 2005 Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) Insurance Policy Available

BACKGROUND:

The following is a brief description of changes to the AGR insurance policy that will be effective for the 2005 crop year. Please refer to the policy for more complete information. Some of the more significant changes are:

(1) The definition of “Limited Resource Farmer” is changed to adopt the limited resource farmer definition applicable under all USDA programs.

(2) Section 6(c)-Added language to provide for a waiver of administrative fee if the insured qualifies as a limited resource farmer.

(3) Section 10(a)(4) - Added language to allow insureds to provide final tax information necessary for an indemnity payment following a Federal tax filing extension. The extension must be approved by the Internal Revenue Service and taxes must be filed by the final extended tax due date.

The sales closing date for AGR is January 31, 2005. Producers interested in AGR should contact a crop insurance agent and complete an application. The Risk Management Agency (RMA) publishes a list of agents on its web site. The address of the website is: www.rma.usda.gov/.

Although insurance purchases must be executed through crop insurance agents, the RMA premium calculator is available on the RMA web site for general information purposes. To find the AGR premium calculator:

Go to: Tools/Calculators
Scroll to: Premium Calculation Software for 2000 and succeeding years (Online Version) - Calculate Premiums
Click on: Calculate Premiums
ACTION:

The 2005 AGR policy has been placed on the RMA website at:


DISPOSAL DATE:
This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and its disposal date is December 31, 2006.