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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-05-050

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

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SUBJECT: Silage Sorghum Pilot Plan of Insurance Materials for the 2006 and
Succeeding Crop Years

BACKGROUND:

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) revised the Silage Sorghum Pilot Endorsement by adding provisions to Section 9, Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss, to: 1) require the insured producer to provide notice to the insurance provider at least 7 days prior to harvest of any acreage of silage sorghum if the production will be placed in a silage bag or used in any manner other than for the production of silage; 2) require the insured producer to leave representative samples of the crop for inspection if any silage sorghum production will be placed in a silage bag; and 3) to specify that production to count will be based on a tonnage appraisal for such production that will be placed in a silage bag. RMA has also added provisions to Section 10(e) specifying the amount of production to count for indemnity purposes if the insured fails to give notice or leave representative strips. Procedures were added to the Silage Sorghum Pilot Underwriting Guide regarding acceptable production records for Actual Production History purposes and to provide other minor clarifications.

These revisions were necessary as it was discovered during the first year of the pilot program that in some cases silage sorghum is harvested and placed in silage bags, and there are currently no approved procedures to determine the amount of production contained within the silage bags.

ACTION:

The Silage Sorghum Pilot materials listed below have been placed on the RMA website. The materials placed there include the following:

Material

Comment

Endorsement
Underwriting Guide

<http://www.rma.usda.gov/pilots/2006pilot.html>
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