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Risk Management Agency

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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-04-002

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: 2004 Crop Year Sugar Beet Stage Removal Option Pilot

BACKGROUND:

On December 17, 2003, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors approved the Sugar Beet Stage Removal Option Pilot (SBSROP) in all counties where federally reinsured sugar beet crop insurance is available in the following states of Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming, except the three southeastern counties of Goshen, Laramie, and Platte, beginning in the 2004 crop year. SBSROP is an option that attaches to the federally reinsured Sugar Beet Crop Provisions. SBSROP provides the producer the opportunity to purchase coverage at the full guarantee and receive a full indemnity in the event of a total loss during the early stages of growth. The grower pays additional premium for the coverage. The pilot option is not available to growers who purchase the catastrophic level of coverage.

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has placed the Sugar Beet Stage Removal Option Pilot on the RMA website at www.rma.usda.gov/pilots/2004pilot.html.

ACTION:

Insurance providers must inform agents approved to sell federally reinsured sugar beet crop insurance in all counties where sugar beet crop insurance is available in the following states of Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming, except the three southeastern counties of Goshen, Laramie, and Platte, of the availability, terms and conditions of the SBSROP. The Actuarial Data Master is being updated to reflect the SBSROP found under the common option code (NS) Stage Removal; therefore, no revisions will be made to the Data Acceptance System (Manual 13).



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A revised FCI-35 Actuarial Coverage and Rates Document will be available on the RO Server from the actuarial document browser found under Tools and Calculators on the RMA website at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/>.

DISPOSAL:

This Informational Memorandum Bulletin is effective until December 31, 2004.