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MPCI UNDERWRITING

DELAY OF 6/30 CONTRACT CHANGE ACTUARIAL FILING

RMA has advised us that there will be a delay in the release of the 6/30 actuarial documents. Normally, we receive the files by May 16th. Upon receipt of the files NCIS will create the appropriate documents. This delay verifies the importance of encouraging agents to sign up for online viewing. Agents who have subscribed will be able to have instant access once the documents have been released, while they wait for their paper or CD documentation. *(Dave Snider & Jim Crist)*

MEMBERSHIP

EMAIL NOTIFICATION OF NEW & REVISED PROGRAM MATERIALS

We are pleased to announce an important change in the way we deliver program materials. For many years, NCIS has printed and mailed a wide variety of program materials to its members. These materials include MPCI and Crop-Hail policies and forms, as well as loss adjustment, training and meeting information.

There was a time when our members wanted paper copies of policies, forms and other materials for reprinting, internal distribution and filing.

It's our feeling, however, that the widespread use of email, the economy of electronic storage and the speed and quality of digital printing have made paper delivery a bit out-dated. Many of our members agree.

NCIS was an early proponent of Internet technology. Several years ago, we adopted Adobe's Portable Document Format (PDF) as a standard for NCIS bulletins and forms, and began putting everything possible on our Web site.

New bulletins continue to be added to our Web site the day they are released for printing, and when new bulletins are added, we send an email announcement to over 400 NCIS members. Most documents can be easily viewed as PDF files at the NCIS Web site. Extremely large PDF, MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint files can be downloaded using the File Transfer Utility (FTU).

So what's the change? Quite simply, we'd like to eliminate as much of the printing part of the process as possible. Rather than printing and mailing paper copies of policies, forms and training information, we'd like to use the email announcement as the main conduit for membership access to NCIS materials.

We'd like to get as many additional members as possible to sign up for email notice, then view, print or save the documents they need through links in the email announcement.

We have already modified our email announcements to include active links to specific documents—the system is up and running. All you have to do is sign up and let us know you're ready to stop receiving paper.

NCIS materials reside in a secure area of our Web site. To view them, you will need a user ID and password.

To request a user ID and password by email contact: webmaster@ag-risk.org.

Or complete the signup form at: <http://www.ag-risk.org/products.htm#Publications>.

For questions about email notification call: Adenir Belshe at 800-951-6247

If you are already getting email announcements, and would like to stop paper delivery, please let us know by sending an email to webmaster@ag-risk.org.
(Jim Crist & Dave Snider)

TRAINING

NCIS 2004 UPDATE CONFERENCE

The dates for the update conferences for the 2004 crop year have been set. The 2004 Fall Update Conference will be held July 16-17, 2003 and the 2004 Spring Update Conference will be held November 12-13, 2003. Both conferences will be held at the new Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center in Overland Park, KS. Bulletins containing the preliminary agendas and registration information will be posted on the NCIS homepage and sent to the NCIS membership approximately seven to eight weeks in advance of the conferences.
(Laurence Crane)

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FINAL AGENCY DETERMINATION

RM placed FAD-016 into their website on May 27, 2003. It regards insurable acreage and acreage prevented from being

planted, according to Section 9(a)(1)(i)(c) of the 2001 Basic Provisions. The last paragraph states, "this constitutes the Final Agency Determination and is binding on all participants in the Federal crop insurance program for the 2002 crop year."
(Chris Lindsay)

MPCI LOSS ADJUSTMENT

LOSS ADJUSTMENT HANDBOOKS

NCIS MPCI loss adjustment procedures M-507 Florida Citrus Fruit Slipsheets (4-03) and M-208 Fresh Market Sweet Corn (5-03) are FCIC approved and effective for the 2004 and succeeding crop years. NCIS Bulletins 03043 and 03047 provide specific details of the major changes to the loss procedures. These handbooks may be ordered by phone, fax or the NCIS store. Additionally, authorized member company personnel may download these procedures from the NCIS File Transfer Utility system.
(Don Hutsell)

CROP-HAIL LOSS ADJUSTMENT

ARIZONA FRAUD REQUIREMENT

Arizona statute 20-466.03 provides that forms furnished by insurers to insured clients must file a notice or make a claim that includes a fraud statement. The statement must include in substance the following: "For your protection Arizona law requires the following statement to appear on this form. Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss is subject to criminal and civil penalties."
(Loretta Sobba)

RECENT NCIS BULLETINS

The following bulletins were issued 5/01 through 5/31. If you did not receive one and feel you should have, please contact Donna Bryan so we can send you a copy and update our mailing list.

BULLETIN #	DATE	SERIES*	TYPE	TITLE	DISTRIBUTION
03042	5/7/2003	159	ET	2003 Malting Barley Training Unit - New	MB, TC
03043	5/7/2003	1010	ML	NCIS MPCl Loss Adjustment Handbooks: Florida Citrus Fruit Slip sheets	LM, MM
03044	5/12/2003	1149	HL	CH & MPCl Small Grains & Soybean School Columbia MO	Miscellaneous
03045	5/13/2003	1150	HL	CH Soybean Loss Interpolation Tables and Slide Rule	CLM, MM
03046	5/15/2003	1010	ML	CH & MPCl Dry Peas & Beans, Canola, Flax, Millet & Small Grains School Lewistown MT	ND,MT,CO,NW & SKL
03047	5/30/2003	1011	ML	MPCl Loss Adjustment Handbooks: Fresh Market Sweet Corn	LM, MM

*HRF -Hail Rates & Forms	ML -MPCl Loss Adjust.	HL -Hail Loss Adjust.	DP -Data Processing
SRI -Stat. Report Inst.	MRF -MPCl Rates & Forms	MB -Membership	ET -Education/Training

2003 SUMMER SCHOOL AND UPDATE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

June 19 & 20	MPCl & Crop Hail Small Grains	Columbia, MO
June 23 & 24	Crop-Hail	Lewistown, MT
July 14 & 15	Crop-Hail Corn	Lincoln, NE
July 16 & 17	2004 Fall Update Conference	Overland Park, KS
July 23 & 24	Crop-Hail	Lamberton, MN
July 29 & 30	Crop-Hail	Fargo, ND
July 30	Crop-Hail Soybean	Ames, IA
Late July/Early August (TBD)	MPCl Cotton, Sunflowers & Soybeans	Hutchinson, KS
August 5 & 6	MPCl & Crop-Hail	Centerville, SD
August 13 & 14	Crop-Hail & Soybeans	Champaign, IL
August 20	MPCl Millet & Soybean	Akron, CO
August (TBD)	Clam	Cedar Key, FL
September (TBD)	MPCl Pecan	Albany, GA
September 15-17	MPCl Cotton and Grain Sorghum	Lubbock, TX
November 12 & 13	2004 Spring Update Conference	Overland Park, KS
December 9 & 10 (tentative)	MPCl Strawberry	Plant City, FL
TBD	AGR School	California

TBD (to be determined)