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MPCI UNDERWRITING

FINAL AGENCY DETERMINATIONS

RMA has issued several Final Agency Determinations (FAD's), which are "binding on all participants in the Federal crop insurance program" for the 2000 crop year (FAD-018 through -021) and 2003 crop year (FAD-022).

- FAD-018: Interpretation of section 457.7 of the Basic Provisions regarding the insured's compliance with all terms and conditions of the contract before an indemnity will be paid.
- FAD-019: Interpretation of Basic Provisions section 14(d)(2) regarding the insured's duty to submit to examination under oath.
- FAD-020: Interpretation of Sugar Beet Crop Provisions section 9(a)(6) regarding the calendar date for the end of the insurance period in Minnesota.
- FAD-021: Interpretation of Basic Provisions section 11(b)(2) regarding the end of coverage upon harvest of the unit.
- FAD-022: Interpretation of Cotton Crop Provisions section 5(b) and the Special Provisions statement limiting coverage on non-irrigated acreage from which a hay/small grain crop is harvested or that is grazed past March 15. (*Chris Lindsay*)

MPCI UNDERWRITING (cont.)

IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER

A "Notice of new Privacy Act system of records" for agents was published [under Dept of Agriculture] September 25, 2003, with comments due to the RMA Actuarial Division Director by October 27, 2003.

Of possible interest: A **Final Rule** for "Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas" was published [under Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service] October 1, 2003. This makes final the interim rule published October 3, 2002, that added areas in Arizona and Texas to the list of regulated areas. (*Chris Lindsay*)

POLICY CHANGES

The 2004-NCIS 882 Cultivated Clam Pilot Crop Provisions announced in NCIS Bulletin #03083 will be revised to change the definition of "unit value after loss" (as posted on the RMA website October 1). (*Chris Lindsay*)

MEMBERSHIP

NCIS OFFICE CLOSING

Monday, October 13th, the NCIS office will be closed because of Columbus Day. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

TRAINING

NCIS 2004 UPDATE CONFERENCES

The 2004 Spring Update Conference will be held November 12-13, 2003. The conference will be held at the new Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center in Overland Park, KS. A bulletin containing preliminary agendas and registration information will soon be sent to NCIS members. Check the NCIS homepage for electronic registration. *(Laurence Crane)*

2003 SUMMER SCHOOL & UPDATE COFERENCE SCHEDULE

Oct. (TBD)	MPCI Clam	Cedar Key, FL
Oct. 9	MPCI Pecan	Albany, GA
Nov. 12 & 13	2004 Spring Update Conference	Overland Park, KS
Dec. 9 & 10 (Tentative)	MPCI Strawberry	Plant City, FL

TBD (to be determined)

CROP-HAIL

2004 FINAL AVERAGE LOSS COST FILING STATUS

2004 Final Average Loss Costs have been filed in the following states: Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota (crop classes only), Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont and West Virginia as of July 11, 2003. Texas Final Average Loss Costs have also been finalized. As of September 29, 2003 the following state FALC filings have been approved: Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont and West Virginia. *(Therese Stom)*

RECENT NCIS BULLETINS

The following bulletins were issued 9/01 through 9/30. 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 NO.	DATE ISSUED	SERIES*	TYPE	TITLE	DISTRIBUTION
03080	09/11/03	1137	SRI	2003 Preliminary Premium Totals Report	CM
03081	09/11/03	1025	ML	NCIS MPCI Loss Adjustment Handbooks: Small Grains & Sugarcane	LM, MM
03082	09/16/03	2080	MRF	2003 Revenue Prices	M-all states
03083	09/16/03	2081	MRF	2004-NCIS 882 Cultivated Clam Pilot Crop Provisions	M-FL, MA, SC & VA
03084	09/25/03	2082	MRF	2004 Revenue Prices	M-all states
03085	09/25/03	2083	MRF	Privacy Act Notice (Agents) for Comment	MM

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