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MEMBERSHIP

NCIS OFFICE CLOSED

The NCIS office will be closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and happy holiday. (*Dana Ford*)

MPCI UNDERWRITING

IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER

A **Final Rule** regarding "...Submission of Policies..." and reimbursement was published August 2, 2005. This follows the 7/16/01 Proposed Rule and 9/17/01 Interim Rule, and provides FCIC's responses to the comments received to those earlier rules.

Of possible interest:

- A **Final Rule** regarding "Change in Minimum Quality and Handling Standards for Domestic and Imported Peanuts Marketing in the United States" was published [under Ag Marketing Service] August 1, 2005.
- A **Final Rule** regarding "...Revision of Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches" in California was published [under Ag Marketing Service] August 2, 2005.
- A **Final Rule** regarding "Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas" (changes in Arizona and California) was published [under Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service] August 2, 2005. (*Chris Lindsay*)

MPCI POLICY STATUS

The following 2006 GRIP policy provisions will be issued shortly:

- 2006-NCIS 954-GRIP Corn Crop Provisions;
- 2006-NCIS 956-GRIP Cotton Crop Provisions;
- 2006-NCIS 964-GRIP Soybean Crop Provisions;
- 2006-NCIS 941-GRIP Wheat Crop Provisions;
- 2006-NCIS 941-GRIP-CEE GRIP Wheat Commodity Exchange Endorsement;

MPCI UNDERWRITING, cont.

- 2006-NCIS 748 Florida Fruit Tree Pilot Crop Provisions. (*Chris Lindsay*)

PERENNIAL UNDERWRITING GUIDELINES

The Valdosta Regional Office (RO) issued an Informational Memorandum August 2, 2005, regarding "2006 Regional Approved Insurance Provider (AIP) Underwriting Guidelines for Category C Perennial Crops - Apples, Blueberries & Peaches." These are in addition to the Category C procedures in the 2006 CIH. (*Chris Lindsay*)

FINAL AGENCY DETERMINATIONS

The RMA published two Final Agency Determinations (FADs) on their web site under "What's New" for the date listed. According to the regulations, the interpretations in these FADs are "...binding on all participants in the Federal crop insurance program for the 2004 and succeeding crop years."

- FAD-052 (August 17): Interpretation of Basic Provisions section 17(e)(1)(i) regarding eligible prevented planting acres.
- FAD-053 (August 30): Interpretation of Fresh Market Tomato (Dollar Plan) Crop Provisions section 14(b)(1) regarding replanting and the stage on which an indemnity is based.

(*Chris Lindsay*)

MPCI LOSS ADJUSTMENT

LOSS ADJUSTMENT HANDBOOKS

NCIS MPCI loss adjustment procedures M-504 Apple (8-05), M-630 Fresh Market Bean (8-05), M-630 Fresh Market Sweet Corn (8-05), and M-630 Fresh Market Pepper (8-05), are

available. The M-504 Apple handbook is effective for the 2005 and succeeding crop years. The other handbooks are effective for the 2006 and succeeding crop years. NCIS Bulletins 05080 and 05081 provide specific details of the major changes and additions 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 (FTU) system. (*Don Hutsell*)

CROP-HAIL

2006 FINAL AVERAGE LOSS COST FILING STATUS

The 2006 Final Average Loss Costs have been filed in the following states: Arizona, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas as of August 1, 2005. A revision to the New York Final Average Loss Costs has also been filed. As of August 29, 2005 NCIS has received approvals from the following: Arizona, Iowa, Kentucky, South Dakota and Tennessee.

(*Therese Stom*)

CROP-HAIL FORM FILING UPDATE

Crop-hail form changes have been filed in the states of Arizona, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas for the 2006 crop season. As of August 31st, approval has been received from Arizona, Iowa, South Dakota and Tennessee. Bulletins for Arizona and Iowa have been sent out and the forms posted on the FTU. (*Loretta Sobba*)

TRAINING

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FOR 2005

The 2006 Spring Update Conference will be held November 8-9, 2005. Registration information and draft agenda will be on the NCIS website and released in a bulletin 6-8 weeks prior to each conference. (*Laurence Crane*)

RECENT BULLETINS

The following bulletins were issued 8/01 through 8/31. 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.

BUL NO.	DATE	SERIES*	TYPE	TITLE	DISTRIBUTION
5078	8/8/05	1181	HL	C-H Tobacco Clarification for 2005 and Subsequent Crop Years	CLM
5079	8/9/05	1501	MB	NCIS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes-June 2005	MB
5080	8/25/05	1113	ML	MPCI Loss Adjustment Handbooks: Fresh Market Bean, Fresh Market Sweet Corn and Fresh Market Pepper	LM, MM
5081	8/31/05	1114	ML	MPCI Loss Adjustment Handbook: Apple	LM, MM
5082	8/31/05	6584	HL	Crop-Hail Forms for 2006 Crop Year – Iowa	CM, H-IA
5083	8/31/05	6585	HL	Crop-Hail Forms for 2006 Crop Year – Arizaon	CM, H-AZ

2005 NCIS SCHOOL AND CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Date	School	Location
November 8 & 9	2006 Spring Update Conference	Overland Park, KS
TBD	Florida Fruit Trees	Florida