

Crop Talk

October 2006

Vol. 15 No. 10



National Crop Insurance Services

8900 Indian Creek
Parkway
Suite 600
Overland Park, Kansas
66210-1567

www.ag-risk.org

MEMBERSHIP

OFFICE CLOSED

The NCIS office will be closed on Monday, October 9, in observance of Columbus Day. Have a safe and happy holiday.
(Dana Ford)

MPCI UNDERWRITING

IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER

A **Final Rule** regarding the "Peanut Crop Insurance Provisions" was published September 26, 2006. The Peanut Crop Provisions will be revised effective for the 2007 crop year.

A **Notice** reopening and extending the comment period on the July 14 Proposed Rule regarding the Basic Provisions and various Crop Provisions ["Combo" policies] was published September 26, 2006. Any additional comments are due to RMA by October 26, 2006.

Of possible interest:

- A **Final Rule** regarding "...Revision of Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines & Peaches" in California (grade, size, maturity & pack modifications) was published [under Agricultural Marketing Service] September 21, 2006. It adopts the Interim Rule (with a change) that was published March 31, 2005.
- Two **Proposed Rules** regarding grade standards for Potatoes and for Table Grapes were published [under AMS] September 22, 2006. Any comments are due to AMS November 21, 2006. (Chris Lindsay)

2007 MPCI POLICIES

Recent or pending policy issuances:

- 2007 GRP Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Rainfall Index Crop Provisions and Vegetation Index Crop Provisions [NCIS versions are pending]. (Chris Lindsay)

FINAL AGENCY DETERMINATIONS

The RMA published FAD-059 on their web site under "What's New" for September 22, 2006, with an interpretation of section 8 of the Cotton Crop Provisions regarding determination of "live plants" and loss adjustment for disease. According to the regulations, and section 20(a) of the Basic Pro-

MPCI UNDERWRITING, cont.

visions, this interpretation is "...binding in any mediation or arbitration." (*Chris Lindsay*)

PERENNIAL UNDERWRITING GUIDELINES

The Valdosta Regional Office (RO) issued an Informational Memorandum September 12, 2006, regarding "2007 Regional Approved Insurance Provider (AIP) Underwriting Guidelines for Category C Perennial Crops - Apples, Blueberries & Peaches in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina." These guidelines are in addition to the Category C procedures in the 2007 CIH. (*Chris Lindsay*)

CROP-HAIL

2007 FINAL AVERAGE LOSS COST FILING STATUS

The 2007 Final Average Loss Costs have been filed in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. Illinois, Nevada and Wyoming Final Average Loss Costs have also been finalized but the respective State Insurance Departments do not require them

to be filed. As of September 27, 2006 NCIS has received approvals from the following: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin. The Louisiana approval is contingent on the approval of the forms filing. (*Therese Stom*)

TRAINING

2007 SPRING UPDATE CONFERENCE

The 2007 Spring Update Conference will be held November 14-15 at the Overland Park Sheraton Hotel. Registration information and draft agenda is available on the NCIS website. (*Laurence Crane*)

2008 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The 2008 conference schedule is set. All meetings will be held at the Overland Park Sheraton Hotel. Registration information will be made available on the NCIS website and a bulletin announcing each meeting will be distributed 6-8 weeks prior to each conference.

- 2007 Claims Managers' Conference—January 10-11, 2007
- 2008 Fall Update Conference—July 23-24, 2007
- 2008 Spring Update Conference—November 6-7, 2007 (*Laurence Crane*)

RECENT BULLETINS

The following bulletins were issued 9/1 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.

BUL NO.	DATE	SERIES*	TYPE	TITLE	DISTRIBUTION
6071	9/14/2006	2163	MRF	Nursery Proposed Rule for Comment	MM
6072	9/15/2006	1156	ML	NCIS MPC I Loss Forms: Certification Form	LM, MM
6073	9/22/06	179	E&T	2007 Spring Update Conference	Misc.
6074	9/29/06	1157	ML	NCIS MPC I L.A. Handbooks: Cultivated Wild Rice (Pilot) and Onion	LM, MM

Crop Insurance Quiz

Acronyms

Crop Insurance vernacular contains a plethora of acronyms. Therefore, this month's quiz is an exercise in identifying a few of those used in the industry.

Using the clues identify each acronym.

Hint: The last letter of an acronym will be the first letter of the next acronym.

Lastly, unscramble the letters in the boxes to identify the CODE (2 words).

The winner will be the first person to correctly all acronyms and to solve the CODE, and as such will receive a Golf Ball set honoring the 25th Anniversary of the private/government union in crop insurance. **Email your answers to donaldh@ag-risk.org, or fax to Don Hutsell at 913-685-3080.**

- | | | | | | |
|-----|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | ___ | <input type="text"/> | ___ | <input type="text"/> | A World of Information |
| 2. | ___ | ___ | <input type="text"/> | ___ | Part of the Agreement to Insure |
| 3. | <input type="text"/> | ___ | <input type="text"/> | | Application of water |
| 4. | ___ | ___ | <input type="text"/> | | Located in DC and KC |
| 5. | ___ | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | ___ | Founded in 2000 |
| 6. | ___ | <input type="text"/> | ___ | | Southern crop |
| 7. | ___ | <input type="text"/> | ___ | <input type="text"/> | AGR Lite state |
| 8. | <input type="text"/> | ___ | ___ | ___ | Significant to GRP |
| 9. | ___ | <input type="text"/> | ___ | | September 30 |
| 10. | ___ | ___ | ___ | | Mycotoxin |

CODE: _____