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MPCI UNDERWRITING

2009 MPCI POLICIES

The following crop provisions are available (or will be soon):

- 2009-NCIS 966 GRP Sugarcane [NCIS Bulletin #08060].
- 2009 ARH Cherry Pilot, replacing the Fixed Dollar Cherry Pilot [pending].
- 2009 Rainfall Index PRF & [new] Apiculture Pilot [pending].
- 2009 Vegetation Index PRF & [new] Apiculture Pilot [pending].

NOTE: RMA has terminated two pilot crop insurance programs for the coming crop year. As stated in the Manager Bulletin for each, existing policyholders under these pilots must be notified at least 30 days prior to the applicable cancellation date so they may consider other risk management options.

- Fixed Dollar Cherry Pilot [MGR-08-014, dated 8/26/08; also see NCIS Bulletin #8066], effective for the 2009 crop year. The cancellation date is 1/31/09 for California, and 11/20/08 for all other states. RMA has replaced this pilot with the new Actual Revenue History (ARH) Cherry Pilot for pilot counties in California, Idaho, Michigan, Montana, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

- CA Avocado Revenue Pilot [MGR-08-015, dated 8/27/08; also see NCIS Bulletin #8067], effective for the 2010 crop year (this program is a year "ahead" of most other crop insurance programs). The cancellation date is 11/30/08. RMA plans to replace this pilot with a new CA Avocado APH Pilot (to be issued within a few weeks).

(Chris Lindsay)

FINAL AGENCY DETERMINATIONS

The RMA published FAD-89 on their web site under "What's New" for August 28, 2008, with an interpretation of Basic Provisions section 17(f)(3) [and section 9 (a) and the definition of "share"] about cash rent

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agreements and eligibility for prevented planting. According to the regulations, this determination is "...binding on all participants in the Federal crop insurance program for the 2007 and succeeding crop years..." (Chris Lindsay)

PERENNIAL UNDERWRITING GUIDELINES

Three RMA Regional Offices (ROs) have issued 2009 Regional Underwriting Guidelines for AIPs to use in addition to the Category C procedures for perennial crops in the CIH. The memos are listed on the RMA web site under "What's New" (and under the applicable RMA RO).

- Valdosta RO [August 28, 2008]: for "2009 Regional...Underwriting Guidelines for Category C Perennial Crops - Apples, Blueberries & Peaches in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina."
- Davis RO [August 28, 2008]: for "2009 Regional... Underwriting Guidelines for Category C Perennial APH Crops (2010 crop year for Citrus and Macadamia Nuts)" in Arizona, California, Hawaii and Utah.
- Spokane RO [August 29, 2008]: "2009 Regional Underwriting Guidelines for Grafted Apples."

(Chris Lindsay)

CROP-HAIL UNDERWRITING

CROP-HAIL FORMS

NCIS crop-hail form changes have been filed in all states for the 2009 crop season. Form changes have been approved or acknowledged by the following states: Arizona, Arkansas,

Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. NCIS is not required to file crop-hail forms in Colorado, Pennsylvania or Virginia. Revised forms include the following:

New or revised forms for the 2009 crop season include:

- 2008-NCIS 757 Assignment of Indemnity
- 2009-NCIS 603 Special Provisions - Arkansas and Missouri
- 2009-NCIS 604 Special Provisions - California and Nevada
- 2009-NCIS 605 Special Provisions - Colorado, Montana and Wyoming
- 2009-NCIS 646 Special Provisions - Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Washington
- 2009-NCIS 577 Tree Fruits, Grapes, Bush Fruits and Berries (XS15%)
- 2009-NCIS 578 Tree Fruits, Grapes, Bush Fruits and Berries (Optional XS15%-XS25%)
- 2009-NCIS 3AL Alabama Amendatory Endorsement
- 2009-NCIS 3AL-1 Alabama Appraisal Disclosure Notice
- 2009-NCIS 3KY Kentucky Amendatory Endorsement
- 2009-NCIS 3ME Maine Amendatory Endorsement
- 2009-NCIS 3PA Pennsylvania Amendatory Endorsement
- 2009-NCIS 3SC South Carolina Amendatory Endorsement
- 2009-NCIS 3WI Wisconsin Amendatory Endorsement

(Loretta Sobba)

CROP-HAIL 300 PAGES

The 300 pages for 2009 are being posted on the FTU and sent out via bulletin as we receive approval or acknowledgement from the state insurance departments. As of today, 300 pages have been posted and bulletined for AZ, AR, CO, CT, DE, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NH, NJ, NC, ND, OH, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV and WY.

(Loretta Sobba)

CROP-HAIL LOSS ADJUSTMENT

CORRECTION TO WHEAT LOSS INSTRUCTIONS

It has been brought to our attention that the insert for the slip-chart NCIS 6006 (Rev. 2007) Spring Wheat - Loss Chart (Recoverable Heads) Zones 3 and 4 may be reversed. Per the NCIS 6007 Wheat Loss Instructions (6/02), Zone 3 includes chart factors for five stages of growth (boot & just headed, bloom, milk, soft dough,

hard dough) while Zone 4 includes chart factors for six stages (boot & just headed, bloom, milk, soft dough, hard dough, combine ripe). We have checked our inventory to make sure the slip-charts used to fill any future orders are correct, however please check any supply you have on hand and advise adjusters accordingly. *(Loretta Sobba)*

TRAINING

2008 NCIS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The dates for the 2008 NCIS conferences are listed below. All conferences will be held at the Sheraton in Overland Park, Kan. A bulletin for each conference will be distributed 6-8 weeks prior and will continue registration information and a tentative agenda. Be watching your mail and the NCIS website for more information.

- 2009 Spring Update Conference—October 27-28

(Laurence Crane)

RECENT BULLETINS

The following bulletins were issued 8/1 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
8058	8/4/08	1224	HL	C-H Loss Instructions—Stone Fruit Survey Sheet	CLM, CM
8059	8/12/08	1521	MB	NCIS Board of Director's Meeting Minutes-June 2008	Members
8060	8/15/08	2226	MRF	2009 NCIS 966 Sugarcane Crop Provisions	Members-LA
8061	8/21/08	6617	HRF	C-H Form Changes for 2009 Crop Year	CM-H U.S.
8062	8/22/08	2227	MRF	NCIS MPC I Loss Forms	MPCI Members
8063	8/28/08	6618	HRF	2009 C-H 300 Pages	CM-H U.S.
8064	8/29/08	6619	HRF	C-H Forms for 2009 Crop Year—Arkansas & Missouri	CM-H-AR, MO
8065	8/29/08	6620	HRF	C-H Forms for 2009 Crop Year—Colorado, Montana, & Wyoming	CM-H-CO, MT, WY
8066	8/29/08	2228	MRF	Fixed Dollar Cherry Pilot Terminated for 2009 CY	Members
8067	8/29/08	2229	MRF	CA Avocado Revenue Pilot Terminated for 2010 CY	Members

*HRF-Hail Rates & Forms
SRI-Stat. Report Inst.

ML-MPCI Loss Adjust.
MRF-MPCI Rates & Forms

HL-Hail Loss Adjust.
MB-Membership

DP-Data Processing
ET-Education/Training