June 5, 2008

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM–08-026

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers
    All Risk Management Agency Field Offices
    All Other Interested Parties

FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/Tim B. Witt
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SUBJECT: 2005 thru 2008 Appendix III, Data Acceptance System Handbooks

The 2005 thru 2008 Appendix III, Data Acceptance System Handbooks, have been updated with approved modifications. Appendix III is available electronically via the Risk Management Agency (RMA) website at http://www.rma.usda.gov/data/ under the Data Acceptance System Handbook directory.

Modifications in the 2005 thru 2008 Appendix III resulting from Approved Insurance Provider and RMA suggestions include:

- Clarify the calculation of Farm Unit Deficiency for CAT Pecan Revenue;
- Updated Producer Premium calculation for Financial Assistance Program;
- Clarification of the GRIP/HRO loss calculation;
- Updated Cause of Loss table for 2008 Fresh Market Sweet Corn;
- Changes for new product Biotech Yield Endorsement for Corn;
- Flag for reporting conflict of interest per Appendix IV section III.C;
- New Florida Citrus crop code (0252) applicable exhibits;
- Additional Subsidy Flag and Additional Subsidy fields for Financial Assistance Program; and
- Remove all references to T27 Common Land Unit Identifier Record 2007 and 2008.

Companies can email their questions or comments regarding Appendix III content, using “comments” in the subject line to appendixiii.comments@rma.usda.gov.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is December 31, 2008.