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Risk Management Agency

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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-08-043

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

FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/Rodger M. Matthews, for. Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: California APH Avocado Pilot Crop Insurance Program Crop Provisions, Underwriting Guide, and Loss Adjustment Standards Handbook - Effective 2010 and Succeeding Crop Years

BACKGROUND:

On August 14, 2008, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors (Board) approved the California APH Avocado pilot crop insurance program effective beginning with the 2010 crop year. This pilot program was developed as a replacement to the California Avocado Revenue pilot crop insurance program that is in effect through the 2009 crop year and was recently terminated by the Board. The California APH Avocado pilot program will be available in the following California counties: Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.

Producers interested in the California APH Avocado pilot crop insurance program will need to contact a crop insurance agent and complete an application by the Sales Closing Date of November 30, 2008, which will be submitted through an approved insurance provider to RMA. RMA publishes a list of agents on its website at: http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html

ACTION:

The California APH Avocado pilot crop insurance program materials effective for the 2010 crop year will be available by close of business today on the RMA Website at: <u>http://www.rma.usda.gov/pilots/</u>

DISPOSAL DATE:

This informational memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is December 31, 2008

