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TO: All Reinsured Companies
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

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SUBJECT: 2006 Appendix III, Data Acceptance System Handbook

The 2006 Appendix III, Data Acceptance System Handbook, has 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 (DAS) Handbook directory.

The draft changes have been provided to company representatives via the readme pages of the DAS Status Reports and a redlined version of the draft has been available on the website that identifies changes in the Data Acceptance System Handbook.

Some of the more significant modifications in the 2006 Appendix III resulting from policy and procedure changes include:

- Added reporting requirements for LGM Cattle to eDas;
- Changes in reporting required for new Nursery policy;
- Clarified requirements for AGR-Lite and AGR R&D-05-054;
- Modifications to the reporting requirements for entities on the Type 10;
- New cause of loss (Asian Soybean Rust) for Soybeans;
- Changes to edits for Modified Acreage Record flag on Type 11;
- New requirement due to Apple policy change for sunburn option;
- New yield types for reporting Compliance case;
- Updated rounding rule for tonnage crops; and
- Reporting requirements for CIMS.

Companies can email their questions or comments regarding Appendix III content, using "2006" in the subject line to appendixiii.comments@rma.usda.gov.

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