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TO: All Reinsured Companies
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices
All Other Interested Parties

FROM: Eldon Gould /s/ *James Callan* for Administrator 8/1/2006

SUBJECT: Termination of the Pilot Raspberry Blackberry Crop Insurance Program

BACKGROUND:

The Pilot Raspberry Blackberry Crop Insurance Program is currently offered in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, California, Clackamas, Marion, and Multnomah Counties, Oregon, and Clark and Cowlitz Counties, Washington. The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors (Board) initially approved the pilot program for the 2002 through 2005 crop years; in 2003, the Board extended the pilot program through the 2006 crop year. A final evaluation of the pilot program was conducted and the results were presented to the Board on July 13, 2006.

Based on the results of the evaluation and other pertinent information, the Board voted to terminate the Pilot Raspberry Blackberry Crop Insurance Program. Information on this decision can be viewed on the Risk Management Agency Website at:
<http://www.rma.usda.gov/fcic/archive.html>.

ACTION:

The Pilot Raspberry Blackberry Insurance Program is terminated effective for the 2007 crop year. To provide policyholders with an opportunity to review alternate risk management options, cancellation notices must be sent to all policyholders participating in this program no later than August 31, 2006. Further, no applications may be accepted for the 2007 crop year. If a reinsured company accepts an application or fails to timely cancel the Pilot Raspberry Blackberry Crop Insurance Program policy for the 2007 crop year, no reinsurance will be provided for such policies.

Producers who participated in the Pilot Raspberry Blackberry Crop Insurance Program should be advised that Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) or AGR-Lite insurance programs are available in the Oregon counties of Clackamas, Marion, and Multnomah, and the Washington counties of Clark and Cowlitz. Producers should also be advised about the availability of coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).



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Information about NAP can be found on the Farm Service Agency Website at:
<http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/nap.htm>.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Manager's Bulletin is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is December 31, 2006.