



United States Department of Agriculture
Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services
Risk Management Agency

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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-02-006

TO: Sesame Producer Groups
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices
All Reinsured Companies

FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/ *Tim B. Witt*
Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: Request for Input from Sesame Producer Groups

BACKGROUND:

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) intends to obtain input from producer groups before entering into contracts for research and development to increase participation in areas or for agricultural commodities that may be underserved by the Federal crop insurance program. RMA believes this input is critical in determining the need and direction of research and potential development.

ACTION:

RMA requests input from groups or individuals representing sesame producers so that their needs, concerns, and other input may be considered before it enters into a contract for the research and possible development of risk management strategies or products for producers of this commodity. Of particular interest is any input that would help RMA determine the extent that producers want RMA to pursue such research and potential development of risk management strategies or products. RMA is also interested in receiving specific suggestions and concerns regarding the structure, scope, and limitations producers and producer groups want to be considered for such strategies or products. Anyone who is aware of insurance protection that is generally available from private companies to cover the risks that would likely be covered by recommended risk management strategies or products, is encouraged to advise RMA accordingly as indicated below.



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Please provide your input to Maureen Flood by February 28, 2002, to assure its consideration. Ms. Flood may be reached by e-mail at "Margaret.Flood@rm.fcic.usda.gov," by fax at (816) 926-7343, or at the following postal address:

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Listed below are organizations and individuals that are being provided this Informational Memorandum. Anyone who is aware of other persons or organizations representing sesame producers is encouraged to provide a copy of this Informational Memorandum to them and/or to advise Ms. Flood how to contact them.

Persons

Bruce Gilleland
Jimmy Meeks
Billy Schwartz

Organizations

American Spice Trade Association
Kansas Crop Improvement Association
Kansas Department of Agriculture
Kansas Grain and Feed Association
New Mexico Crop Improvement Association
New Mexico Department of Agriculture
Oklahoma Crop Improvement Association
Oklahoma Department of Agriculture
Organic Crop Improvement Association
Panhandle Grain and Feed Association
Seeds of Faith
Sesaco Corporation
Texas Department of Agriculture
Texas Organic Growers Association

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum is effective until the disposal date, April 30, 2002.