



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

June 12, 2001

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-01-028

TO: Tree, Vine, and Bush Crops 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 Tree, Vine, and Bush Crops 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 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 producers of crops grown on trees, vines, and bushes so that their needs, concerns, and other input may be considered before it enters into a contract for the research and possible development of a tree, vine, and bush replacement program for growers of grapes, citrus, tree fruit and nuts, kiwi, blueberries, and other high-value, permanent (perennial) crops. Of particular interest is any input that would help RMA determine producers' interest in such a risk management program, as well as specific suggestions and concerns regarding the structure, scope, and limitations of such a program.



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Please provide your input to Charles Naglich by July 13, 2001, to assure its consideration. Mr. Naglich may be reached by telephone at (816) 926-1832, by fax at (816) 926-7343, by e-mail at "Charles_Naglich@rm.fcic.usda.gov," or at the following postal address:

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Listed on the attachment are organizations that are being provided this Memorandum. Anyone who is aware of other persons or organizations representing tree, vine, and bush crops producers is encouraged to provide a copy of this Informational Memorandum to them and/or to advise Mr. Naglich how to contact them.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum is effective until the disposal date, August 31, 2001.

Attachment

Tree, Vine, and Bush Crops Producer Groups:

American Farm Bureau Federation
California Apple Commission
California Avocado Commission
California Fig Advisory Board
California Kiwifruit Commission
California Olive Association
California Pear Advisory Board
California Rare Fruit Growers, Inc.
California Table Grape Commission
California Walnut Commission
Cherry Industry Administrative Board
Edinburg Citrus Association
Florida Citrus Mutual
Hazelnut Growers of Oregon
Michigan Blueberry Growers Association
National Cherry Growers & Industries Foundation
National Grape Growers
National Juice Products Association
National Peach Council
New England McIntosh Growers Association
North American Blueberry Council
Northern Nut Growers Association
Olive Growers Council
Oregon Blueberry Growers' Association
Oregon Hop Commission
Pear Bureau Northwest
Saticoy Lemon Association
Sonoma County Grape Growers Association
The Cranberry Institute
The North American Blueberry Council
U.S. Apple Association
Vinifera Wine Growers Association
Walnut Council
Washington Apple Commission
Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers
Washington State Fruit Commission
Western Growers Association
Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association