

United States Department of Agriculture

Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services Risk Management Agency

BULLETIN NO.: MGR-00-010

TO: All Reinsured Companies

All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

All Other Interested Parties

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Administrator

SUBJECT: Submission of 1999 Acreage Determination Review Results and Change in Information

Available from Farm Service Agency (FSA) Local Offices

BACKGROUND:

Acreage Determination - The Risk Management Agency (RMA) issued MGR-99-015 to identify acreage determination and verification requirements for the 1999 crop year. RMA will not require additional acreage determinations and verification for the 2000 crop year as a special review requirement. Future considerations for acreage determinations may be incorporated into Manual 14.

FSA Information - Although insured producers are not required to certify acreage to FSA, insurance providers and RMA employees may use certain FSA information and documentation for verification purposes.

This bulletin advises insurance providers, agents and loss adjusters of changes made by FSA pertaining to information available from local offices and establishes the final due date for 1999 acreage determination review reports.



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ACTION:

1. Acreage Determination:

A. 1999 Crop Year Final Reports Due to RMA.

The final 1999 review reports shall be submitted by COB April 19, 2000, to:

USDA, Risk Management Agency Director, Risk Management Services Division 1400 Independence Ave., SW Stop 0803 Washington, DC 20250-0803

B. Procedure for 2000 Crop Year

Refer to the Loss Adjustment Manual (LAM), FCIC-25010 that is in effect for the 2000 and succeeding crop years, for acreage determination procedures.

2. FSA Information

Additional guidance has been provided in the LAM (in effect for the 2000 and succeeding crop years) concerning the availability of information from FSA local offices. FSA offices are required to ensure that anyone requesting information on another person is authorized to do so. Insurance providers should be prepared to identify themselves, whom they represent and provide evidence to show the producer has a policy with their company.

FSA will provide without charge one copy of the FSA-424, or -425 (or a reproduced copy of the FSA-578 (Producer Print) when the FSA-424 is not available), photocopies of aerial photographs and other forms available to the public. Additional photocopies of aerial photographs are available for \$1 each.

DISPOSAL:

This bulletin expires on March 31, 2001.