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TO: All Reinsured Companies
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

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Administrator

SUBJECT: Pilot Processing Cucumber Program Clarification/Modification - Acreage
Limitation

BACKGROUND:

The Pilot Processing Cucumber program was instituted for the 2000 crop year in a limited number of counties in Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas. To qualify for insurance, the producer must have a processor contract that is either acreage or production based.

The Pilot Processing Cucumber Special Provisions of Insurance (SPOI) state that in the event a producer elects to plant “in excess of 125 percent of the processing cucumber acreage grown in the most recent crop year (the producer) will be ineligible for insurance unless this limitation is waived.” A waiver requesting approval to plant in excess of 125 percent “must be made by new insureds at the time of application or by carry-over insureds by the sales closing date.” The sales closing date varies by region from January 31 to March 15.

Processing cucumbers are insurable only if grown under a processor contract. When production from the spring planting in an area is reduced, the processor may need additional fall acreage. The final planting date for fall-planted cucumbers is as late as September 20. In this situation, it would be untimely for some insureds to know the specific acreage they anticipate planting by the sales closing date. Therefore, a liberalized policy based on this bulletin will allow insureds additional time to request an acreage limitation waiver without adversely affecting the program.

ACTION:

Effective immediately, for the 2000 crop year, for fall planted processing cucumbers, a request for waiver of the 125 percent limitation must be made by the fall acreage reporting date.



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DISPOSAL:

This bulletin is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is December 31, 2000.