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TO: All Reinsured Companies
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

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SUBJECT: Discontinuance of the Group Risk Plan (GRP) Forage Program in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Wyoming, for the 2001 Crop Year

BACKGROUND:

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has determined that adequate data for the administration of the GRP forage program in the above States is not available. The lack of adequate data is more likely to occur when "grass hay" or "mixed hay" are the predominant crops in the five western States listed above. Consequently, a decision to discontinue the GRP forage program for the 2001 crop year in these States has been made.

The program remains in effect in Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin because alfalfa hay predominates in these States. Adequate data are available.

ACTION:

The GRP Forage program is no longer available in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Wyoming, effective with the 2001 crop year. No actuarial documents have been issued.

Reinsured companies must cancel GRP Forage policies in effect in these States in accordance with policy provisions. Companies are encouraged to contact insureds in order to offer the Actual Production History (APH) Forage insurance program before the September 30, 2000, sales closing date for that plan of insurance.

DISPOSAL:



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