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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-04-055**

TO: All Reinsured Companies  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

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

SUBJECT: 2005 Appendix III, Data Acceptance System Handbook

The 2005 Appendix III, Data Acceptance System Handbook, has been updated with approved modifications. The Appendix III, formerly Manual 13, is available electronically via the Risk Management Agency (RMA) website at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/data/> under the Data Acceptance System (DAS) Handbook directory.

A redlined version of the draft is also available on the web site which identifies changes in the 2005 Appendix III from the October 19, 2004 Appendix III. The draft changes were provided to company representatives for a comment period via the readme pages of the DAS Status Reports. Modifications identified in the October 21, November 29, and December 2 readme pages have been approved.

Some of the more significant modifications in the 2005 Appendix III resulting from policy and procedure changes include:

- List of Pilot Programs identified by FCIC as stated in the SRA Section II(b)(3);
- Removed references to "Quota Tobacco" to comply with policy and procedure change;
- Added Stage Codes of "PB" and "UB" to Sugar Beets;
- New Apple Fresh Option to eliminate Fresh Fruit Option A, B, and Sunburn;
- Written Agreement flag of "H" for all High Risk Land with written agreements; and
- Valid Stage Code corrections for Florida Citrus, Onions, and Sugar Beets

Companies may direct their questions or comments regarding Appendix III content to Seavey Anthony, Chief, Program Automation Branch, at (816) 926-3865, or Tim Conard, Acting Chief of the Data Quality Section, at (816) 926-1875.

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