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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Reinsured Companies
         All Risk Management Field Offices

FROM: Dave P. Paul   */s/ Dave P. Paul*
         Director

SUBJECT: Request for RMA Regional Office Determine Yields for the 2005 crop
         year-Category "C" Actual Production History (APH) Perennial Crops

ISSUE:
The 2005 Crop Insurance Handbook (CIH) Section 7F(2)(b), provides procedure and
formulas designed to identify and adjust high variability perennial crop yields that
indicate patterns of alternate bearing years or downward trends in productivity. Perennial
crop growers in the Spokane region may have been impacted by severe weather related
losses. The consequences of these losses may identify certain crops for high variability
procedures in some cases.

As provided in the crop endorsements, we may reduce the yield used to establish the
production guarantee based on our estimate of the effect of particular circumstances on
the yield potential of the insured crop.

ACTION:
In those cases where the insured believes their yields may be inappropriately identified
by the high variability of actual yields procedure, RMA RO determined yields may be
requested by the insured. The Insurance Provider must submit a completed RMA RO
Determined Yield Request with all required signatures (see CIH, Exhibit 34). The request
must be postmarked by the United States Post Office, or a similar organization by March
18, 2005. Under item number 8, the producer must outline why any unit(s) should not be
adjusted for high variability of the actual yields. Under item number 9, Submission
Checklist, all applicable documents (see CIH, Section 7F(6)) and any additional
supporting document should be noted and submitted with the request. All documentation
will be reviewed to determine if adjustment is appropriate. Incomplete requests, late
requests, and requests that do not contain information to indicate that adjustment is not
appropriate will be denied.

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