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Attention: MPCU Underwriting Departments of Approved Insurance Providers

Subject: Green Pea and Sweet Corn Variety Lists for 2007 and
Proposed Removal of the Variety Lists for 2008

We have updated the enclosed green pea and sweet corn variety lists for 2007 that are used in providing crop insurance for these crops in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. These lists are also available on the St. Paul Regional Office page of the RMA website at www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/fields/mn_rso.

For the classification of varieties not found on these lists, contact the St. Paul Regional Office at 651/290-3304. Please advise your agents to contact you with variety questions, and you in turn can call our office. Please do not contact the processors directly with variety questions. When calling our office, please provide the name and location of the processor who is contracting the variety in question.

Please read the remainder of this letter carefully as it contains the proposed changes.

We believe the St. Paul Regional Office is the only RMA Regional Office that publishes variety lists for green peas and sweet corn. While we have provided these lists for many years, our intention is to discontinue publishing the lists for 2008 and succeeding crop years. This will eliminate the need for you to contact our office if the variety being grown by your insured does not appear on the variety list. We in turn will no longer need to contact the processors for the new varieties they expect to grow, or to call them with questions about varieties that do not appear on the published lists. The insurable types of green peas and sweet corn will continue to be defined on the actuarial documents as they currently are.

This proposed change would mean that the processors would need to provide your insureds with additional information on the green pea and/or sweet corn variety(s) they are growing. For green peas, the insured would need to provide their insurance agent with the number of heat units needed to reach maturity for the variety grown. For sweet corn, the insured would need to know if it is yellow variety, a white variety, a supersweet variety, or a bicolor variety. If a yellow variety is being grown, they will also need to know the expected days to maturity. We are also sending a letter to the green pea and sweet corn processors in Minnesota and Wisconsin explaining this proposed change and asking for their input.



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Before we discontinue publishing these variety lists, we would appreciate your thoughts on this. We anticipate this change may create some extra work at first, and that is why we are starting this discussion more than a year ahead of the time the change would take effect.

We hope this would allow you to inform your agents and insureds of this change well in advance of the 2008 acreage reporting date so that problems relating to this change could be minimized.

We will also continue to keep the processors informed of the changes so they can provide their growers who have crop insurance with the necessary variety information at the time the 2008 contracts are signed.

If you would like to send comments to our office on this proposed change, please submit them by February 16, 2007. If we determine after reviewing the comments received from insurance providers and the processors that discontinuing the variety lists isn't workable, we will try to find an acceptable alternative.

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