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TO: Board of Directors
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

FROM: Ross J. Davidson, Jr.
Manager

SUBJECT: Board Memorandum No. 736
Docket No. CI-Sweetpotato-03-01
Consideration of Continuation of the Sweetpotato Pilot Crop Insurance
Program

There is submitted for your consideration the subject docket authorizing the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) to continue the Sweetpotato Pilot Crop Insurance Program in selected pilot program areas.

Approval of this docket will authorize the continuation of the pilot program through the 2004 crop year and succeeding years.

For FCIC to continue the Sweetpotato Pilot Crop insurance Program for the 2004 crop year and succeeding years it is necessary for the Board of Directors to approve docket No. CI-Sweetpotato-03-01

Consideration of Continuation of the Sweetpotato Pilot Crop Insurance Program
Beginning with the 2004 Crop Year
Docket No. CI-Sweetpotato-03-01

FINAL RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that Docket No. CI-Sweetpotato-03-01, Exhibit No. 2206, effective for the 2004 crop year only unless extended by the Board of Directors, the Sweetpotato pilot program, will be made available subject to the following:

- (1) Continue the program revisions made for the 2003 crop year, including the requirement that an insured producer must have grown sweet potatoes for commercial sale 3 out of the 5 previous years, and that acreage insured for the current year may not exceed 110 percent of the greatest number of acres grown in any one of the 3 previous crop years;
- (2) Evaluate and make appropriate rate changes in each county up to the maximum statutory amount of 20 percent, as necessary, based on prior program loss experience;
- (3) Limit the availability of insurance coverage to not more than the 60 percent coverage level;
- (4) Limit the availability of coverage to basic units only;
- (5) Institute a comprehensive field-monitoring program to focus on program delivery and implementation, including agent and loss adjuster performance, and to include producer compliance with rules and procedures; and
- (6) Strengthen yield determination and loss adjustment procedures, as practical, to improve consistency in determining production to count, and strengthen requirements regarding the adjustment of un-harvested production appraisals.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board delegates to the Manager, the authority to develop a new pilot crop insurance program to be piloted in states and counties as approved by the Board.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on: October 29, 2003

/signed/
Byron Anderson, Secretary
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

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Approved by:

Keith Collins /signed/
Chairman of the Board

Date 11-04-2003