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## Informational Memorandum

**TO:** All Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the States of Oklahoma and Texas

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**SUBJECT:** Variances to the Written Agreement Handbook, Exhibit 16 Similar Crop Chart, part C Region Specific Similar Crops

The Sesame Pilot Program has recently been approved for expansion to 36 counties in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. The FCIC Board of Directories also approved expansion by written agreement to 252 counties in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas for the 2019 and succeeding crop years. The specific counties approved for the expansion for the crop pilot program and written agreements can be found in the Product Management Bulletin: PM-18-057.

New written agreement requests for crops in counties without actuarial documents (XC type) may rely on the producer to provided production history of a similar crop if they have not previously grown the requested crop for the minimum number of qualifying (three) years. Section 6, Part 3 Paragraph 85 C (1) of the Written Agreement Handbook states, "The Similar Crop Chart (Exhibit 16), and supplemental additions provided on the RO website must be used as a guide to identify similar crops." The following is authorized addition to the Written Agreement Handbook's Listing of similar crops:

### **New for 2019 and Succeeding years –**

For Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, all category 4 crops and/or Spring planted category 1 crops may be used as a qualifying similar crop for sesame.

Until such time as Exhibit 16 is updated with these or other similar crop designations, please note the above supplemental additions as qualifying similar crops for the XC written agreement type. For Sesame, please contact the Topeka Regional Office or the Oklahoma City Regional Office if you have any questions.