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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-11-056**

**TO:** All Approved Insurance Providers  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Tim B. Witt /s/ *Tim B. Witt*  
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**SUBJECT:** 2012 Sunflower Special Provision Statements for Hulling Oils and  
Optional Units by Type

**BACKGROUND:**

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) received a request from the National Sunflower Association to allow optional units by type. In the past sunflower producers who grow both the oil and non-oil sunflower types in the same unit have combined production from both types. Oil and non-oil sunflower types are sold in different markets, and have different prices and yields.

In 2003, RMA issued Managers Bulletin (MGR-03-001) which classified “Hulling Oil” Sunflowers as an oil type sunflower for the purposes of the Federal crop insurance program. RMA issued the following SP statement for the 2004 crop year, including hulling oil as an oil type: “Includes sunflower varieties such as Dahlgren 2010, Dahlgren 2011, RRC 2010, and RRC 2011 and any other sunflower seed variety that exhibits similar characteristics.” This statement was applicable in the Billings region only. However, the National Sunflower Association confirms these varieties have been replaced and are no longer being planted.

**ACTION:**

For the 2012 crop year, optional units will be allowed by type. In addition, RMA updated the special provision (SP) statement with respect to how hulling oil sunflower types will be insured. These changes will become effective for all states and counties where sunflower insurance is available.

**DISPOSAL DATE:** December 30, 2012



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