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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Raleigh Region Approved Insurance Providers

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Director

SUBJECT: Updated Variances to the Written Agreement Handbook, Exhibit 16 Similar Crop Chart for Processing Beans

New written agreement requests for crops in counties without actuarial documents (XC type) may rely on the producer to provide production history of a similar crop if they have not previously grown the requested crop for the qualifying minimum number of (three) years. Subparagraph 85 C (2) of the 2013 Written Agreement Handbook states, "The Similar Crop Chart (Exhibit 16), and supplemental additions provided on the RO website, may be used as a guide to identify similar crops." The following is an authorized addition to the Written Agreement Handbook's listing of similar crops.

For the states of New Jersey, New York and Virginia, Soybeans may be used as a qualifying similar crop for the Green and Other Unlisted Types, Italian, Wax, and Petite types of Processing Beans.

Previously Approved

For the states of Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania, Soybeans may be used as a qualifying similar crop for the Green and Other Unlisted Types, Italian, Wax, and Petite types of Processing Beans.

Until such time 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. Please contact the Raleigh Regional Office if you have any questions.



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