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SUBJECT: Variances to the Written Agreement Handbook, Exhibit 13 Similar
Crop Chart for Green Peas, Processing Beans, and Sweet Corn

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. Section 3 C (3) (b) of the Written Agreement Handbook states, "The Similar Crop Chart (Exhibit 13) and supplemental additions provided on the RO website may be used as a guide to identify similar crops." The following are authorized additions to the Written Agreement Handbook's listing of similar crops:

New for 2012 –

For the Pacific Northwest States (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) Dry Peas may be used as a qualifying similar crop for the Chickpeas/Garbanzo, Large Kabuli type of Processing Beans.

Previously Approved –

- 1) For the Southeastern Idaho counties only, Barley will qualify as a similar crop for Green Peas.
- 2) For all counties in the Pacific Northwest States processing Sweet Corn will qualify as a similar crop for Processing Beans and Processing Beans will qualify as a similar crop for processing Sweet Corn.

Until such time Exhibit 13 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 Spokane Regional Office if you have any questions.



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