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TO: All Reinsured Companies  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

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Administrator

SUBJECT: Deferred Appraisals – Non-Emerged Seed for Texas Cotton

**BACKGROUND:**

Paragraph 75(C)(1)(d) of the 2002 Loss Adjustment Manual (LAM) Standards Handbook states that for spring planted crops, appraisals must be deferred at least 15 days after the end of the late planting period if the seeds have not emerged due to insufficient moisture.

**ACTION:**

Continued extreme drought conditions, current agronomic data relative to Texas cotton production, and the current near term weather forecast indicate that a shorter waiting period is appropriate for the 2002 crop year. Insurance providers are authorized to begin releasing cotton acreage, with non-emerged seed, in Texas as follows:

- For counties with a June 5, 2002, and earlier final planting date, release may begin effective June 25, 2002.
- For counties with a June 10, 2002, final planting date, release may begin effective June 30, 2002.

As always, insurance providers must review each claim individually when making the determination to release non-emerged cotton acreage with zero appraised production to count. If the insurance provider believes for certain situations that a further delay of any appraisal and release may be necessary, they may take such appropriate action.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

This bulletin will remain in effect until December 31, 2002.



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