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Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services
Risk Management Agency

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

FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/ Roberta E. Waggoner (for)
Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: Commercial Hay Pilot Program Participation

BACKGROUND:

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) is researching the feasibility of a pilot insurance program for commercial hay production. RMA's initial review indicates that a policy containing quality provisions is likely to be acceptable to commercial hay producers.

A hay feasibility study conducted by Economic Research Service (ERS) is currently available. A copy may be requested by contacting Research and Evaluation Division (RED) at (816) 926-6343 or by visiting our web site at <http://www.act/pilots/feasible.html>. Insurance providers or others interested in participating in the development of a commercial hay pilot insurance program are invited to designate a representative or representatives from their organization to work with RMA on this product.

ACTION:

Rob Cerda of RED is the Project Manager for the commercial hay pilot crop insurance program. Individuals and others wanting to participate in the development of the commercial hay pilot crop insurance program should provide their name, address, phone number, and E-mail address to Rob by November 1, 1999.



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