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TO: All Reinsured Companies
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

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

SUBJECT: Crop Provisions for the Pilot Processing Chile Pepper Crop Insurance Program
and the Revised Pilot Blueberry Crop Provisions for the 2000 Crop Year

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has placed the Pilot Chile Pepper Crop Provisions and the Revised Pilot Blueberry Crop Provisions on the RMA WebSite. The crop provisions will be effective beginning the 2000 crop year. The Pilot Chile Pepper Crop Insurance Program has a sales closing date of January 31, 2000, for the 2000 crop year and is available in the following areas:

Arizona - Cochise County
New Mexico - Luna and Hidalgo Counties

Two changes in the Pilot Blueberry Pilot Crop Provisions have been made: date changes to accommodate additional States being added to the pilot program and, additional language in the "Duties In the Event of Damage or Loss" section.

In addition to the previously approved counties, additional counties have recently been approved for expansion (pending legislative authority) of the Pilot Blueberry Program. They are:

Alabama - Baldwin County
Georgia - Appling, Bacon, and Ware Counties
Florida - Alachua and Highlands Counties
South Carolina - Horry County
Maine - Knox, Lincoln, Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Waldo Counties



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The new RMA Website is located at <http://www.rma.usda.gov>. The 2000 pilot program policies and provisions can be found at:

<http://www.rma.usda.gov/FTP/Policies/2000/pilot/>
or <http://www.rma.usda.gov/pilots/2000pilot.html>

If you have any questions, please contact Mike O'Connell, Research and Evaluation Division, at (816) 926-6343.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is December 31, 1999.

Attachments