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TO: All Approved Insurance Providers
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices
All Other Interested Parties

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Administrator

SUBJECT: Unharvested Sugar Beet Acreage Due to Lack of Processing Capacity

BACKGROUND:

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has been notified that at least one sugar beet processor will require contracted producers to reduce their harvested acreage due to the inability to process the substantial sugar beet crop.

Section 14 of the Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions, 11-BR, (Basic Provisions) states the insured must notify, and obtain consent from, their approved insurance providers (AIP) before abandonment of any portion of their insured crop. The AIP may not provide consent until it has made an appraisal of the crop's potential production to count. Section 11 of the Basic Provisions further states coverage for insurance will end at the time the insured crop is abandoned on the unit. Regulations at 7 C.F.R., Subpart G, Actual Production History (APH) provide, in part, that the production report for APH purposes includes both harvested and appraised potential production to count for the insured acreage for the crop year.

ACTION:

- 1) Effective immediately and only for non-loss units, when acreage will not be harvested due to the processor's lack of capacity to process the sugar beets, harvested production from acreage within the same unit may be used as the appraisal for APH purposes if:
 - a) More than 50 percent of the sugar beet acreage within a field is harvested, or
 - b) More than 50 percent of a person's unit is harvested when more than one person is operating in the same field.

- 2) In accordance with the Basic Provisions, the insured must notify the AIP if any portion of the insured crop will be abandoned.

- 3) The AIP must verify that the applicable acreage requirement (more than 50 percent) is met and, with the insured's consent, the AIP may use the harvested acreage's actual yield per acre calculated in standardized tons according to the Sugar Beet Crop Provisions (section 13(d) or (e) as applicable), including the sugar content of the harvested acreage, as the appraisal for the unharvested acreage.
 - a) The insured must provide the AIP with a legible map or photo identifying the unharvested and abandoned sugar beet acreage, and
 - b) The AIP will use the map or photo and the insured's notification of abandonment as documentation of the unharvested acreage.
- 4) An appraisal to determine the potential production is required if:
 - a) 50 percent or less of the sugar beet acreage for the field is harvested; or
 - b) 50 percent or less of the unit is harvested when the field consists of more than one insurable entity.
- 5) In accordance with the Basic Provisions, coverage ends with the abandonment of the crop on the unit. Therefore, once the acreage has been left unharvested because the production will not be accepted by the processor due to storage or processing capacity, insurance on the abandoned acreage ends.
- 6) AIP's must notify the insured of the requirements contained in this bulletin and ensure harvested production from one insured is not used to establish a yield for the unharvested acreage of any other insured.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This bulletin remains effective until incorporated into Loss Adjustment, Policy, or Underwriting Procedures.