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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

Risk
Management
Agency

TO: All Northeast Approved Insurance Providers

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FROM: Scott Lucas /s/ *Scott Lucas*
Director

SUBJECT: 2015 Determined Yield Requests for Yield Determinations on
Vinifera Grapes

BACKGROUND:

Blocks of vinifera grapes may have damaged vines as a result the 2014 winter freeze in the northeast. The producer checked the box on the Producer's Pre-Acceptance Worksheet (PAW) for freeze damaged vines or the box indicating a change in production that may reduce grape production from previous years.

ACTION:

In addition to Paragraph 2002 in the 2015 Crop Insurance Handbook, AIPs submitting Determined Yield Requests for yield determinations must:

1. Note any acres within the block(s) that have been removed by the grower.
2. Determine if other acres should be removed due to freeze damaged vines, or if a cultural practice was performed that will reduce the production potential of the block as compared to previous crop years.
3. Provide the percent stand for each block and for each vinifera grape variety.
4. Include an Adjuster's Special Report to document the condition of the vineyard along with color photographs of the vines.

All information for the Determined Yield Request should be provided to the Raleigh RO by the March 16, 2015 extended deadline date.