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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Spokane Region Approved Insurance Providers

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SUBJECT: Additional Similar Crop added to the Written Agreement Handbook, Exhibit 16 Similar Crop Chart for Dry Beans in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

I. BACKGROUND

New written agreement requests for crops in counties without actuarial documents (XC type) may rely on the producer to provide production history of a similar crop if they have not previously grown the requested crop for the qualifying minimum number of (three) years. Subparagraph 85C (1) of the 2022 Written Agreement Handbook (WAH) states, "The Similar Crop Chart (see Exhibit 16), and supplemental additions provided on the RO website, must be used as a guide to identify similar crops." The following is an authorized addition to the WAH listing for similar crops.

II. ACTION

For the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, Processing Sweet Corn may be used as a qualifying similar crop for Dry Beans for XC type written agreements only.

III. DISPOSAL DATE

This guidance will remain in effect until Exhibit 16 of the WAH is updated with these or other similar crop designations. Please contact the Spokane Regional Office at RSOWA@usda.gov if you have any questions.