

ASR Website and GOOD FARMING PRACTICES

Risk Management Agency

Legislated Authority

- ARPA 2000 - Amended Section 508(a)(3)(A) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act
 - Insurance provided . . . shall not cover losses due to –
 - (iii) the failure of the producer to follow good farming practices, including scientifically sound sustainable and organic farming practices.

Legislated Authority

A producer shall have the right to a review of a determination regarding good farming practices made under subparagraph (A)(iii) in accordance with an informal administrative process to be established by the Corporation.

[Sec. 508(a)(3)(B)(i)]

The Problem

- Documentation supporting a grower's good farming practices was often insufficient
- Insurance companies delivering crop insurance policies also needed information on which to base their decisions if a grower did not carry out good farming practices.

A Solution

- The ASR Website provides real-time guidance to growers which they could use to document their good farming practices
- The guidance was provided by agricultural experts within the Cooperative Extension System
- The guidance was available to both growers and insurance companies.
- Soybean alerts made everyone aware of the areas where soybean rust might become a problem

Published Material

- Required to support good farming practice determinations
- Information published by an agricultural expert such as agronomy guides, extension service publications, chemical labels, scientifically sound research, textbooks, university agronomic recommendations

ASR Website Provided:

- Means to track the movement of soybean rust
- Guidance (published material) to growers in affected areas
- Ability to print this guidance for documentation purposes
- Accurate information to support good farming practices if questioned

Expanded Effort

- ARPA legislation also provided a means to fund the ASR Website for 2006
- Authorizes partnerships to develop risk management tools for producers
- Emphasis on specialty crops (other legumes) and underserved agricultural commodities

Expanded Effort

- \$2.3 Million for the project
- Pest risk management tool for legumes
- Develop the risk management system to provide stakeholders with effective decision support for managing pests and diseases of legume crops, particularly soybean rust

Partnership

- RMA is partnering with Cooperative Extension and North Carolina State University (NCSU)
- NCSU will develop/expand/manage the surveillance and monitoring system
- CSREES will manage all partnership reward related activities
- RMA will collaborate on the testing and evaluation of the tools; its features, training and future plans to administer, maintain and update the risk management tool

Closing

- RMA is very excited to support this effort
- Assists our good farming practice initiative
- Growers may use the site to document their management practices
- Loss adjustment process is now more efficient and less costly as a result

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- Questions?
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