

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Agricultural Research Service****Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Co-Exclusive License**

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Federally owned inventions U.S. Patent Application No. 09/107,760 filed June 30, 1998, entitled "A Method for Separating Elastomeric Particulates from Fibers" and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/287,300 filed on April 7, 1999, entitled "An Improved Method and Apparatus for Separating Elastomeric Particulates and Fibers from a Pulverized Mixture" are available for licensing and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Akron Rubber Machinery, International, of Akron, Ohio; Continental Eagle Corporation of Prattville, Alabama, and Granutech-Saturn Systems Corporation of America of Grand Prairie, Texas, co-exclusive licenses to Serial Nos. 09/107,760 and 09/287,300.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 28, 2000.

ADDRESS: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4-1158, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to these inventions are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Akron Rubber Machinery, International; Continental Eagle Corporation; and Granutech-Saturn Systems Corporation of America, have submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective co-exclusive licenses will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective co-exclusive licenses may be granted unless, within ninety (90) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the licenses would not be consistent with the

requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Federal Crop Insurance Corporation****Crop Revenue Coverage**

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act), since 1996 the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors (Board) has approved for reinsurance and subsidy the insurance of corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, cotton, rice, and spring wheat in select states and counties under the Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC) plan of insurance submitted by American Agrisure (AmAg). This notice is intended to inform eligible producers and the private insurance industry of coverage changes for corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, cotton, rice, spring wheat, and durum wheat for the 2000 crop year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Hoffmann, Director, Product Development Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, United States Department of Agriculture, 9435 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri, 64131, telephone (816) 926-7387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 508(h) of the Act allows for the submission of a policy to FCIC's Board and authorizes the Board to review and, if the Board finds that the interests of producers are adequately protected and that any premiums charged to the producers are actuarially appropriate, approve the policy for reinsurance and subsidy in accordance with section 508(e) of the Act.

In accordance with section 508(h) of the Act, the Board approved a program of insurance known as CRC, submitted by American Agrisure, a managing general agency for Redland Insurance Company. All terms and conditions of the policy and all premium rates are determined by AmAg. FCIC does not have the authority to modify or waive any terms or conditions. FCIC only has the authority to approve or disapprove the terms and conditions submitted by AmAg.

The CRC program has been approved for reinsurance and premium subsidy, including subsidy for administrative and operating expenses in an amount

authorized under section 508(e) of the Act. CRC is designed to protect producers against both price and yield losses.

AmAg has requested the following changes in the CRC program for corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, cotton, rice, and spring wheat for the 2000 crop year: (1) to expand the CRC program for corn into all counties in the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia where multiple peril crop insurance (MPCI) is available for corn; (2) to expand the CRC program for soybeans into all counties in the states of Colorado, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia where MPCI is available for soybeans; (3) to provide written agreements for CRC coverage on those crops approved for CRC in counties without a CRC actuarial table, provided an MPCI rate is made available from FCIC; (4) to provide written unit agreements for optional units formed across section lines or optional units from oversized sections; (5) to remove the 95 percent price percentage option; (6) allow AmAg to offer 80 and 85 percent coverage where RMA offers such coverage; (7) revise the CRC program for durum wheat to allow durum wheat coverage only in 15 counties in North Dakota; (8) use the Minneapolis Grain Exchange (MGE) durum wheat futures market price to determine base and harvest prices for spring durum wheat; and (9) require durum wheat producers who apply for CRC coverage to use their approved durum wheat actual production history (APH) yield or if the producer does not have a durum wheat APH yield, a wheat T-yield will be used to establish coverage.

FCIC herewith gives notice of the above stated changes for the 2000 crop year for CRC corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, cotton, rice, and spring wheat for use by private insurance companies.

The CRC policies, underwriting rules, and rate factors for 2000 spring crops will be released electronically to all reinsured companies through FCIC's Website.

Notice: The revised Basic Provisions, Crop Provisions, and Commodity Exchange Endorsements for the 2000 CRC spring crop programs of insurance are as follows:

Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC) Insurance Policy

(This is a continuous policy. Refer to section 3.)

This policy is reinsured by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) under the authority of section