

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF CROP ADJUSTERS
FOR THE FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE
PROGRAM AND CROP-HAIL INSURANCE

A.I.D. NO. 2008- 011

ORDER

Now on this day comes before Julie Benafield Bowman, Insurance Commissioner for the State of Arkansas (“Commissioner”) the matter of licensing requirements for individuals who adjust claims related to federal crop insurance programs and/or crop-hail insurance policies. The Commissioner finds:

1. That the crop insurance program administered by the Risk Management Agency (RMA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture is a federal program and, therefore, not regulated as insurance by the Arkansas Insurance Department.
2. That the Arkansas Insurance Department does not currently issue an adjuster license to individuals adjusting claims under the federal crop insurance program or adjusting claims for crop-hail insurance.
3. That RMA has been working with the various state insurance departments and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to create a licensing program for crop insurance adjusters.

4. By creating a special crop adjuster license, the Department will better be able to assist RMA and crop-hail insurers in developing certification and training programs specifically suited to crop insurance.
5. By creating a special crop adjuster license, the Department will better be able to assist Arkansas farmers with problems they may encounter with the federal crop insurance program and crop-hail insurance.

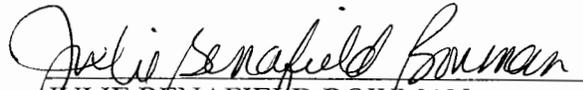
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. That the Commissioner is acting within the scope of her duties as set forth in Ark. Code Ann. §23-61-103, §23-61-109, and §23-64-202(b)(2)(C).
7. That limited lines licenses are recognized in the Arkansas Insurance Code for specific activities that are regulated as insurance by the Arkansas Insurance Department.
8. That a limited lines license for crop adjusters is not prohibited by law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a limited lines crop adjuster license shall be available to all individuals who meet the general qualifications for an adjuster license found in Ark. Code Ann. §23-64-202(a)(2)(A),(B) and (C) and who are adjusting only losses under federal crop insurance programs and crop-hail losses. Application for a limited lines crop adjuster license shall be on a form prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner. Applicants must pay the licensing fee for limited adjusters as set forth in Rule 57. Applicants for the limited lines crop adjuster license

shall be exempt from any examination or education requirements set forth for an adjuster license for property and casualty insurance. Individuals licensed as limited lines crop adjusters must be appointed by the insurer(s) for which losses are adjusted prior to their performance of any duties as an adjuster for that company or entity. Limited lines adjuster licenses may be suspended or revoked pursuant to Ark Code Ann. §23-64-216(a)(2).

ORDERED this 19th day of February, 2008.


JULIE BENAFIELD BOWMAN
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER