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## Farm Production and Conservation INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Requests for Actuarial Change for Mukimame Type Processing Beans

## **Discussion:**

The Raleigh Regional Office (RRO) has received several questions regarding the insurability of mukimame type processing beans.

Mukimame type beans are a food grade soybean that are removed from the pod. This type of processing bean may be insurable via Type Practice, Unrated Practice/Type written agreement in current processing bean program counties.

The request for actuarial change should be for Processing Beans, Type 648 – Mukimame, Practice 002 - Irrigated.

Mukimame type processing beans require a separate database from other types of processing beans.

All Requests for Actuarial Change must meet the minimum documentation requirements and deadlines as published in the Written Agreement Handbook (FCIC 24020) for Type Practice, Unrated Practice/Type requests. Additionally, the policy must be established in accordance with section 7. Insured Crop of the Processing Bean Crop Provisions (17-046), including executing a processor contract on or before the acreage reporting date.

Beans processed and contracted as Edamame, food grade soybeans which remain in the pod, will not be insurable at this time.

Growers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent by the March 15 sales closing date to learn specific details for the 2023 crop year.

Please contact the Raleigh Regional Office at <u>RSONC@usda.gov</u> if you have any questions.