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## INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

Risk  
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**To:** All Approved Insurance Providers writing in the States of North Carolina and Virginia

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**Subject:** 2025 Requests for Actuarial Change for Connecticut Broadleaf Tobacco/Cigar Type Tobacco

### Discussion:

The Raleigh Regional Office (RO) will offer Written Agreements for Connecticut Broadleaf tobacco/Cigar Type tobacco for the 2025 Crop Year. All Requests for Actuarial Change must meet the minimum documentation requirements and deadlines as published in the 2025 Written Agreement Handbook (WAH). A copy of the buyer's contract, that includes the purchase price, is required. An Agricultural Expert Letter is not required.

As a reminder, beginning with the 2024 Crop Year, Pre-Approval Inspections are no longer required.

It is the decision of the producer to request the type of tobacco that he/she wishes to insure; however, currently, there is not sufficient data available with which to build actuarially sound offers for Cigar Wrapper or Cigar Binder tobacco (WAH, 85E(1)(g)(ix)).

Connecticut Broadleaf tobacco/Cigar Type tobacco grown in the states of North Carolina and Virginia must be contracted with a buyer. As part of minimum documentation, each Request for Actuarial Change is required to document that:

- the crop is commercially grown in the area, and
- a viable marketing outlet is available, or a legal marketing contract is in effect for the crop produced (WAH, 85E(1)(g)(vii)).

Growers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent by the March 15 sales closing date.

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