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### National Extension Risk Management Education Conference

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*Join fellow risk management education providers to learn about some of the best risk management education projects being delivered across the country!*

If you deliver risk management education programs to agricultural producers and their families, we encourage you to take advantage of the National Extension Risk Management Education Conference that is being held next month in Phoenix, Arizona. The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. on April 17 with a keynote address, followed by concurrent session presentations that highlight successful risk management education programs, concluding at Noon on April 18, 2007.

Whether attending session presentations, viewing poster displays or listening to dynamic keynote speakers, this conference will provide you with several excellent opportunities to dialogue and learn from your colleagues about emerging and ongoing risk management education efforts and to discover what is working to produce positive results for farm families in their management of financial, production, marketing, legal and human resource risk. If you are an educator from either the public or private sector, a community based organization, insurance agent, lender, or member of a local or state government, who is seeking to improve risk management strategies for agricultural producers, this conference is for you!

Just a few of the many excellent offerings on the conference agenda will include succession and estate planning, decision making in direct-to-consumer farm marketing, financial analysis teaching tools, Annie's Project, livestock record keeping and management tools and the human resource and legal risks of heat stress. A general session speaker from the Netherlands will address "Epidemic Disease and Food Safety Risk in EU Livestock Farming". We hope that you will consider joining your national colleagues at this premier event.



We are often asked about the difference between Extension Risk Management Education (**RME**) and Risk Management Agency (**RMA**) programs. The National Extension RME Conference featured in this News Notes is a function of the USDA Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service (CSREES). All CSREES risk management education (RME) activities are administered through four regional RME centers located at Washington State University, the University of Nebraska, Texas A&M Extension and the University of Delaware, along with the University of Minnesota Digital Center. The primary function of the RME Centers is to provide risk management education for farmers and ranchers through a results based competitive grants program.

The USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA), operates and manages the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) which is responsible for administering all USDA crop insurance programs. Another RMA function is providing risk management education funding through a competitive grant making process.

The National Conference will feature sessions from both RME and RMA funded projects.

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