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TO: FGIS POLICY BULLETIN BOARD

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SUBJECT: Pinkeye Beans

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This policy memorandum serves to notify official personnel of the grading classification regarding Pinkeye beans. Pinkeye beans will be graded under the Blackeye Beans Standards.

Recent issues regarding crop insurance coverage for Pinkeye beans have raised questions regarding the clarification of standards for Pinkeye beans. After many discussions with experts in the cowpea industry and after reviewing type samples, we have determined that Pinkeye beans are a Violeteye cowpea, and conform to the standards under Blackeye beans.

To certify Pinkeye beans, please use the term Blackeye bean on the grade line. If an applicant requests "Pinkeye beans" on the certificate, enter it in the remarks section.

If you have any questions, contact the Policies and Procedures Branch at (202) 720-0252.