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Late Planting Period Option Available for California ELS Cotton 2014 Crop Year

DAVIS, Calif., Nov. 27, 2013 – The USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced that California pima cotton growers will now have a late planting period option for the 2014 crop year. This is new key feature of the extra long staple (ELS) cotton crop insurance program, and provides coverage based on a growers inability to plant up to the final planting date.

A late planting period allows growers to plant after the final planting date and still receive insurance coverage for their crop. The insurance guarantee will be reduced 1 percent for each day planted after the final planting date. **The late planting period begins May 1 and ends 10 days after the final planting date.**

ELS Cotton growers in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Merced and Tulare counties are encouraged to contact their crop insurance agent for more information about coverage during a late planting period. Growers who do not have an agent can get an agent listing at any USDA Service Center or by visiting the RMA website at www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents for a list of crop insurance agents.

More information about the program is available at the RMA website: www.rma.usda.gov.

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