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## **Expansion of the Potato Insurance Plan in Imperial County**

Davis, Calif., May 31, 2013 - The United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency (RMA) today announced an expansion of its potato crop insurance coverage program for California producers. Imperial County potato growers can now participate in the potato crop insurance program for the 2014 crop year. **The sales closing date for fall-planted potatoes is July 1. The sales closing date for spring-planted potatoes is December 15.**

The potato crop insurance program provides coverage based on a grower's planting practice. A fall-type potato grouping now has three practices – early season, mid-season and late season. A spring-type potato grouping has two practices – early season and late season.

Insurance is now available to Imperial County producers whose potatoes are planted with certified seed, planted for harvest as certified seed stock potatoes, or planted for human consumption. Insurance is also available for russet and all other varieties of potatoes grown in irrigated fields. There are restrictions for potatoes that do not meet rotation requirements contained in the RMA crop insurance special provisions. A list of these restrictions is located in the Special Provisions of Insurance available at [webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/actuarialinformationbrowser](http://webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/actuarialinformationbrowser).

For a premium amount estimate of your insurance needs use the online Cost Estimator at [ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/](http://ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/).

Only private crop insurance agents sell and deliver federal crop insurance. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers or at: [www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/).

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