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RMA Announces Expansion of Tart Cherry in Utah for 2014

Davis, Calif., September 25, 2013 - The United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency (RMA), announced that it will now provide tart cherry growers crop insurance in Utah County, Utah for 2014. The sales closing deadline is November 20, 2013.

A key feature of the cherry crop insurance program is that it provides coverage protection against the loss of revenue due to low yields, low prices, low quality, or any combination of these events. Growers choose a coverage level ranging from 50 to 75 percent. A grower's coverage is based on their own revenue history when four or more years of revenue history is available. In the absence of four years of revenue history, the grower can use a combination of actual revenue and RMA transitional revenue.

To be eligible, tart cherry acreage must produce an average of 4,900 pounds per acre in one of the five previous crop years after grafted or set out. Tart cherries include all tart cherry varieties that are irrigated, and produce fruit that is intended for processing. Any acreage that has not produced at least the minimum number of pounds of marketable tart cherries for processing per acre is not insurable.

For a premium amount estimate of insurance needs, growers can use the online Cost Estimator at: <http://ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/>.

Private crop insurance agents are responsible for the sale and delivery of the crop insurance programs. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers or at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>.

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