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## **Sales Closing for California Spring Crops is Fast Approaching**

Davis, Calif., February 10, 2014 - The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds producers that the sales closing date for spring crop insurance programs is almost here. Producers should make sure to sign up, review, or change their crop policy before the date has passed. February 28, 2014, is the last day to buy or change a policy for rice, cultivated wild rice, corn, dry beans, cotton, extra long staple cotton, figs, and grain sorghum. Producers are encouraged to contact a crop insurance agent as soon as possible.

Producers who purchase crop insurance are covered for all natural causes of loss listed in their policies. Insurable causes of loss must occur within the insurance period. Producers are encouraged to discuss which causes of loss will and will not be insurable under their 2014 policies with their crop insurance agents. Policies are yield and revenue based and vary across commodities and regions. Producers can tailor their coverage to fit the needs of their operation with a choice of coverage levels that range from 50 to 75 percent, or up to 85 percent on some policies. RMA crop insurance fact sheets provide more information on specific crop programs and can be found online at [www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/fields/ca\\_rso/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/fields/ca_rso/).

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 and online at [www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/). Producers can use the RMA Cost Estimator to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online at <http://ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/>.

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