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December 31 Sales Closing Date Near For Crop Insurance in Florida

VALDOSTA, Ga., December 17, 2012 -- The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds farmers of the **December 31**, sales closing date for crop insurance. This sales closing date applies to potatoes in Charlotte, Collier, Flagler, Highlands, Indian River, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Putnam, St. Johns and Suwannee counties. The sales closing date is the last day to buy a new policy or to change the level of coverage for an existing policy.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. Contact a local crop insurance agent for more information about the program. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers or on the RMA web site at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>.

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