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November 15 Sales Closing Date Near for Crop Insurance in Florida

VALDOSTA, Ga., Oct. 31, 2014 – USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds forage, livestock, and honey producers of the November 15 sales closing date for crop insurance in Florida. Acreage intended for grazing and haying is insurable under the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage (PRF) program. Colonies of bees are insurable under the Apiculture program. For 2015, the PRF and Apiculture programs are under the Rainfall Index insurance plan. Current policyholders and uninsured growers must make all of their decisions on crop insurance coverage before the sales closing date.

Information about these crop insurance programs, as well as resources such as the Decision Support Tool, Grid ID Locator, and historical indices for each grid ID and index interval, is available on the RMA website: <u>http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/ri-vi/</u>. Producers and agents are encouraged to use this information to learn more about these programs and determine insurability.

Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent to learn specific details for the 2015 crop year. Federal crop insurance policies are sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance companies and agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA service centers and on the RMA website at: www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents.

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