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## **Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in Florida**

*Oats, Potato, Sugarcane, and Wheat Growers Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon*

VALDOSTA, Ga., Sept. 14, 2017 — USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Florida oats, potato, sugarcane, and wheat growers that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage is September 30. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until the September 30 sales closing date to do so.

Federal crop insurance is critical to the farm safety net. It helps producers and owners manage revenue risks and strengthens the rural economy. Coverage is available for oats in Alachua, Calhoun, Escambia, Gadsden, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Levy, Okaloosa, Walton, and Washington counties. Coverage is available for potatoes in Charlotte, Collier, Highlands, Indian River, Lee, Manatee, and Okeechobee counties. Coverage is available for sugarcane in Glades, Hendry, Martin, and Palm Beach counties. Coverage is also available for wheat in Alachua, Calhoun, Columbia, Escambia, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Suwannee, Walton, and Washington counties.

Growers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2018 crop year. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the RMA [Agent Locator](#). Growers can use the RMA [Cost Estimator](#) to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online.

For more information about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net, visit [www.rma.usda.gov](http://www.rma.usda.gov).

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