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Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in Georgia

Onion Growers Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon

VALDOSTA, Ga., August 17, 2016 - USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Georgia onion growers the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage is August 31. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until the August 31 sales closing date to do so.

Crop insurance provides protection against a loss in production due to natural perils, such as drought or excessive moisture. Coverage is available for onions in Appling, Bulloch, Candler, Emanuel, Evans, Jeff Davis, Laurens, Long, Montgomery, Screven, Tattnall, Toombs, Treutlen, and Wayne counties.

Growers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2017 crop year. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the RMA <u>Agent Locator</u>. Growers can use the RMA <u>Cost Estimator</u> to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at <u>www.rma.usda.gov</u>.

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