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Crop Insurance Reminders for Fruit Producers

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. June 12, 2012 – An early warm up that brought on budding and pollination in many fruit crops was followed by freezing temperatures that damaged much of this year's crop. Brian Frieden, USDA's Risk Management Agency Director for the Springfield Region offers a few basic reminders for producers with crop insurance.

If you have a crop loss, notify your crop insurance agent. Your crop insurance company will discuss your options and send a loss adjuster to work the claim. For producers contemplating whether to maintain the crop for harvest, keep in mind that to adjust the production for quality the crop must reach maturity. The company can establish representative areas or strips to determine production if you decide not to maintain the entire crop. These areas must be maintained as you would under normal conditions until harvest.

If you are considering removal of trees or vines, contact your insurance company before doing so to insure it doesn't impact your claim. Acreage not capable of producing a crop this year should be maintained with next year's crop in mind.

Frieden encourages all fruit producers to discuss their claim with the agent and insurance company to understand the options available in this tough year.

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