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Sugar Beet Planting In Michigan

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 9, 2013 – Heavy rainfall, cool temperatures, and even snow across some parts of the state have slowed planting for many spring crops, including sugar beets.

For crop insurance, the final planting date for sugar beets in Michigan is May 20.

Sugar beets are eligible for late and prevented planting payments. If you are unable to plant sugar beets by May 20 because of an insurable cause of loss you may:

- Plant during the 25 day late planting period. There is a one percent reduction per day of your yield guarantee.
- Not plant a crop and receive a prevented planting payment.
- After the late planting period ends, plant the acreage to another crop and receive a reduced prevented planting payment.

To qualify for a prevented planting payment, the affected acreage must be at least 20 acres or 20 percent of your crop acreage in the insured unit.

Replant payments may be available for land that was planted that does not have an adequate stand. Contact your insurance agent if you believe your acreage should be replanted. Your insurance company must give you written permission to replant, abandon, or destroy the crop.

The most important thing you can do if you are unable to plant the crop by the final planting date is contact your crop insurance agent. They can review your policy and options with you before you make a decision.

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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