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2014 Kansas Winter Canola Update

TOPEKA, Kans., August 21, 2013—The United States Department of Agriculture’s Risk Management Agency (RMA) recently expanded federal crop insurance coverage options for winter canola in Kansas. Irrigated and non-irrigated winter canola is now insurable for producers in Barber, Harper, Kingman, and Sumner counties. Irrigated winter insurability only is available for Gray County. Coverage in other counties may also be available by written agreement if certain criteria are met, including providing records for at least the three most recent years of production history for canola or a similar crop.

Revenue coverage will now be available for Kansas beginning in the 2014 crop year. Acres planted to canola in Kansas have more than doubled since 2008. RMA’s Topeka Regional Office (RO) expects that the amount of insured acreage will continue to increase in Kansas due to expanded coverage options, the current commodity prices, and the increase in national demand for canola. Kansas State University currently has a cooperative partnership with the Topeka RO to help producers understand and use good farming practices for winter canola.

The sales closing date for winter canola insurance is August 31. The acreage reporting date is December 15.

Other Important Dates

Sales Closing/Cancellation	August 31, 2013
Earliest Planting Date, Gray County	August 25, 2013
Earliest Planting Date, Kingman County	September 1, 2013
Earliest Planting Date, Barber, Harper, and Sumner counties	September 10, 2013
Final Planting Date, Gray County	September 25, 2013
Final Planting Date, Kingman County	September 30, 2013
Final Planting Date, Barber, Harper, and Sumner Counties	October 10, 2013
Acreage Report Date	December 15, 2013
Premium Billing	July 1, 2014
End of Insurance	October 31, 2014

Producers are encouraged to spend time working with their crop insurance agent to learn additional details of canola crop insurance programs for the 2014 crop year. Federal crop insurance program policies are sold and delivered solely through private companies and agents. Canola producers interested in insuring their canola crop need to talk to a crop insurance agent before the August 31 sales closing date.

A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers throughout the United States or on the RMA web site at www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/. More information on the 2014 canola crop insurance program can be found at www.rma.usda.gov/policies/2014policy.html and webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/actuarialinformationbrowser2014/CropCriteria.aspx.

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