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## **Crop Insurance and Prevented Planting in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin**

SAINT PAUL, Minn., March 31, 2014 – The USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA) recently announced changes to the Prevented Planting crop insurance policy provisions under the Federal crop insurance program. These changes are effective for the 2014 crop year. Producers of spring-planted crops in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin should be aware of these changes as they consider planting decisions.

Prevented Planting is a failure to plant an insured crop with the proper equipment by the final planting date designated in the insurance policy’s actuarial documents or during the late planting period, if applicable, due to an insured cause of loss that is general to the surrounding area and that prevents other producers from planting acreage with similar characteristics.

More information can be found on the Prevented Planting Fact Sheet at [www.rma.usda.gov/fields/mn\\_rso/2014/2014preventedplanting.pdf](http://www.rma.usda.gov/fields/mn_rso/2014/2014preventedplanting.pdf). Final planting dates and other crop insurance information can be found in specific crop fact sheets at [www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/fields/mn\\_rso/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/fields/mn_rso/).

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 to review your policy and options before you make a decision. **Producers are required** to provide a notice that they were prevented from planting an insured crop within 72 hours after the final planting date.

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 website at [www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/).

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