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Farm Bill Updates and Information

SAINT PAUL, Minn., August 15, 2014 — The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced recent changes to the federal crop insurance program as directed by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill). Information on these changes can be found on the RMA Farm Bill page at: www.rma.usda.gov/news/currentissues/farmbill. Fact sheets on the Farm Bill provisions, Conservation Compliance, the Supplemental Coverage Option, and information on Beginning Farmer Benefits, Native Sod Guidelines, and Whole Farm Insurance are available.

The 2014 Farm Bill was signed by President Obama on February 7. The Act continues current programs with modifications and authorizes several new programs administered by RMA. This Farm Bill strengthens crop insurance by providing more risk management options for farmers and ranchers and by making crop insurance more affordable for beginning farmers. It continues the growth of the crop insurance program and provides avenues to expand farm safety net options for organic producers and specialty crop producers.

More information on the Farm Bill can be found on the USDA Farm Bill page at: www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=farmbill.

The websites will be updated with information as more announcements are made on the progress of implementing the 2014 Farm Bill. Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. Producers can contact local crop insurance agents 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/.

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