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## **Sales Closing Date Nears for Mississippi Crop Insurance Programs**

*Oats and Wheat Growers Need to Make Decisions Soon*

JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 12, 2016 — The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Mississippi producers that the final day to purchase federal crop insurance for oats and wheat is September 30. Crop insurance provides protection against a loss in production due to natural perils, such as drought or excessive moisture.

Current policyholders and uninsured growers who wish to buy a policy for the 2017 crop year must make all decisions on crop insurance coverage by the sales closing date for that crop. Decisions include what crops to insure and what coverage level to choose. Information on available coverage for oats and wheat in select counties can found on the RMA [Information Browser](#).

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the RMA [Agent Locator](#). Producers can use the RMA [Cost Estimator](#) to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at [www.rma.usda.gov](http://www.rma.usda.gov).

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