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## Flue Cured Tobacco Final Planting Dates

RALEIGH, NC, January 9, 2013 – USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA) announces final planting dates changes for flue cured tobacco program counties across North Carolina and Virginia beginning with the 2013 crop year. The updated final planting dates are as follows:

May 15<sup>th</sup>

**North Carolina** – Beaufort, Brunswick, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Greene, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Wayne, Wilson

May 25<sup>th</sup>

**North Carolina** – Bertie, Chowan, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Washington

**Virginia** – Amelia, Brunswick, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Nottoway, Powhatan, Prince George, Southampton, Suffolk, Sussex, Washington

May 31<sup>st</sup>

**North Carolina** – Anson, Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Richmond, Vance, Wake, Warren

**Virginia** – Appomattox, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Prince Edward

June 5<sup>th</sup>

**North Carolina** – Alamance, Alexander, Caldwell, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Iredell, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin

**Virginia** – Bedford, Campbell, Carroll, Franklin, Halifax, Henry, Patrick, Pittsylvania

\*Maps illustrating the updates will be available in the Field Office section on RMA’s website

Tobacco planted within 15 days after the final planting date will still be insured. The per acre production guarantee will be reduced by one percent per day for days 1-10 and by two percent per day for days 11-15.

Tobacco producers are encouraged to visit RMA’s website or with their crop insurance agent to learn specific details for the 2013 crop year. Federal crop insurance policies are sold and delivered solely through private insurance companies and agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers in the United States or on RMA’s web site at <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>.

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