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USDA Announces Crop Insurance Deadline for Maryland Green Peas

RALEIGH, N.C., Jan. 14, 2014 - USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced Maryland green pea producers should be aware that the final date to apply for insurance on green peas for 2014 is February 15.

Current policyholders also have until February 15 to make any changes to their existing contracts. Crop insurance provides protection against a loss in green pea production due to natural perils, such as drought or excessive moisture.

The 2014 price election is the price per pound stated in the green pea processor contract (contracted price) for the tenderometer reading, grade factor, or sieve size contained in the Special Provisions. Crop insurance on green peas is available in Baltimore, Caroline, Carroll, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot counties. Green Peas may be insurable in other counties if specific criteria are met. Producers are strongly urged to contact a local crop insurance agent as soon as possible for premium quotes and further details.

For a list of crop insurance agents in your area, contact the local USDA Farm Service Agency office or go to the RMA website at: www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/.

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