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USDA Announces Crop Insurance Deadline for Maryland Potatoes

RALEIGH, N.C., Jan. 14, 2014 - USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced Maryland potato growers should be aware that the final date to apply for insurance on potatoes for the 2014 crop year is January 31.

Current policyholders also have until January 31 to make any changes to their existing contracts. Crop insurance provides protection against a loss in potato production due to natural perils, such as drought or excessive moisture.

The 2014 price election in Kent and Queen Anne's counties is \$11.35 per hundredweight. The 2014 price election in Worcester County is \$14.20 per hundredweight. Potato insurance is available in Kent, Queen Anne's, and Worcester counties. Potato producers are strongly urged to contact a local crop insurance agent as soon as possible for premium quotes and additional 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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