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## **Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in Maryland**

RALEIGH, N.C., Oct. 15, 2014 — The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Maryland beekeepers and pasture, rangeland and forage (PRF) producers that the final date to apply for crop insurance under the Rainfall Index program is November 15, 2014.

The Rainfall Index is a group risk policy that covers apiculture as well as forage and livestock producers' forage grown for grazing or harvested for hay. The Rainfall Index uses National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration data. Insurance payments to a producer who suffers a loss are calculated on the deviation from normal precipitation within the area and time period selected.

A nationwide insurance coverage map is available on the RMA website at: [www.rma.usda.gov/policies/pasturerangeforage/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/pasturerangeforage/). A mapping tool is also available for producers to locate which land is insurable, and has historical data, coverage details, and a premium calculator. For more information, producers are encouraged to visit the RMA website at: [www.rma.usda.gov](http://www.rma.usda.gov) or contact their local crop insurance agent as soon as possible.

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 or on the RMA website at: [www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/).

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