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USDA Announces Crop Insurance Deadline for Maine Spring Crops

RALEIGH, N.C., February 28, 2014 — USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Maine farmers that the final date to apply for crop insurance on most insurable spring-planted crops for this crop year is March 15. Current policyholders also have until March 15 to make any changes to their existing contracts.

Crop insurance provides protection against losses due to natural perils, such as drought, hail, wind, and excessive moisture. March 15 is the Sales Closing Date for spring barley, corn, forage seeding, fresh market sweet corn, green peas, spring oats, potatoes, and spring wheat. Insurance is also available for revenue loss caused by a change in the harvest price from the projected price for spring barley, corn, and spring wheat.

Producers are strongly urged to contact a crop insurance agent as soon as possible for premium quotes and more details. For a list of crop insurance agents in your area, contact the local USDA Farm Service Agency office or log on to the RMA website at: www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/companies/.

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