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USDA Announces Crop Insurance Deadline for North Carolina Spring Crops

RALEIGH, N.C., January 24, 2014 – The United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA), Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds North Carolina farmers that the final date to apply for crop insurance on most insurable spring-planted crops is February 28, 2014. Current policyholders also have until February 28 to make any changes to their existing insurance contracts. Crop insurance provides protection against crop production losses due to natural perils such as drought, hail, and excessive moisture.

Crops with a February 28 sales closing date include Cabbage, Corn, Cotton, Grain Sorghum, Peanuts, Soybeans, and Flue-cured Tobacco. Burley Tobacco, Fresh Market Beans, and Processing Beans have a March 15 sales closing date. Insurance is available for revenue losses caused by a change in the harvest price from the projected price for corn, cotton, grain sorghum and soybeans.

In addition, Area Yield Protection, Area Revenue Protection, and Area Revenue Protection with the Harvest Price Exclusion are low-cost group plans that are available in many counties for cotton and soybean producers. Producers are strongly urged to contact a local 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. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers or on the RMA website at: www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/companies/.

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