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Closing Date Nears for Maryland Fall-Seeded Forage

RALEIGH, N.C., July 3, 2014 – The USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds farmers that the deadline to obtain crop insurance on fall-seeded forage acreage is July 31, 2014. Current policyholders also have until July 31, 2014, to make changes to existing contracts.

The forage seeding policy covers newly-seeded acreage of alfalfa and forage mixtures containing at least 50-percent alfalfa, clover, birdsfoot trefoil, or any other locally recognized and approved forage legume species (by weight) planted by August 31, 2014, for Allegany and Garrett counties and September 10, 2014, for Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery & Washington counties .

A grower may secure up to \$334 worth of coverage per acre under the plan. Coverage under this particular policy ends the date of the total destruction of the crop, initial harvest, commencement of grazing, the final adjustment of a loss, or abandonment of the crop, whichever is earliest. If there is an adequate stand, the acreage may then be insured for second and subsequent years under a separate forage production policy.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. Contact a local crop insurance agent for more information about the program. 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/.

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