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Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in Maine

Producers with Insurable Spring-Seeded Crops Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon

RALEIGH, N.C., March 2, 2016 - USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Maine producers that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage on most insurable spring-planted crops is March 15. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing policies also have until the March 15 sales closing date to do so.

Crop insurance provides protection against crop production losses due to natural perils, such as drought or excessive moisture. Coverage is available for corn, forage seeding, fresh market sweet corn, green peas, potatoes, spring barley, spring oats, and spring wheat in Maine. Coverage is also available for revenue losses caused by a change in the harvest price from the projected price for corn, spring barley, and spring wheat.

Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2016 crop year. 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 and online at the RMA [Agent Locator](#). Producers can use the RMA [Cost Estimator](#) to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at www.rma.usda.gov.

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