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Crop Insurance Expanded In Virginia

Canola Crop Insurance is Now Available in Virginia

RALEIGH, N.C., Sept. 1, 2016 — The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Virginia canola producers that crop insurance coverage is now available in Brunswick County for the 2017 crop year. The final date for Virginia canola producers to apply for crop insurance coverage is September 30, 2016. Crop insurance provides protection against crop production losses due to natural perils such as drought, hail, and excessive moisture.

Prices for canola for the 2017 crop year are explained in the Commodity Exchange Price Provisions. Producers can use the RMA <u>Price Discovery</u> tool to get canola's projected price and harvest price. Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2017 crop year. Canola may be eligible for coverage under a written agreement in other counties. Crop insurance coverage decisions must be made on or before the sales closing date.

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 <u>Agent Locator</u>. Producers can use the RMA <u>Cost Estimator</u> to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at <u>www.rma.usda.gov</u>.

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