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Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in West Virginia

Small Grain Producers Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon

RALEIGH, N.C., Sept. 1, 2016 — The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds West Virginia small grains producers that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2017 crop year is September 30, 2016. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing policies also have until September 30 to do so.

Crop insurance provides protection against crop production losses due to natural perils such as drought, hail, and excessive moisture. Coverage for small grains is available in select counties. Additional information can be found on the Actuarial Information Browser page on the RMA website.

Prices for small grains for the 2017 crop year are explained in the Commodity Exchange Price Provisions. Producers can use the RMA Price Discovery tool to get the small grains projected price and harvest price. Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2017 crop year. 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 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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