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Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in North Carolina

Clary Sage Producers Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon

RALEIGH, N.C., June 30, 2017 — USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds North Carolina Clary Sage producers that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2018 crop year is July 31. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until July 31 to do so.

Crop insurance provides protection against a loss in production due to natural perils such as adverse weather conditions, failure of irrigation water supply, fire, insects or plant disease, or wildlife. Clary Sage that is planted for harvest and extraction of sclareol, and grown under a processor contract is insurable under the policy.

Clary Sage producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent to learn specific details for the 2018 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 <u>Agent Locator</u>. Clary Sage producers can use the RMA <u>Cost Estimator</u> to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online.

For more information about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net visit <u>www.rma.usda.gov</u>.

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