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Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in New Jersey

Growers with Spring Planted Crops Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon

RALEIGH, N.C., Feb. 15, 2018 – The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds New Jersey growers that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage on most spring-planted crops for the 2018 crop year is March 15. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing policies also have until March 15 to do so. Growers also have until March 15 to apply for coverage under the Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) policy.

Federal crop insurance is critical to the farm safety net. It helps producers and owners manage revenue risks and strengthens the rural economy. Coverage for corn, forage seeding, fresh market sweet corn, grain sorghum, processing beans, processing tomatoes, soybeans, and spring oats is available in select counties. Additional information can be found on the Actuarial Information Browser page on the RMA website.

Growers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2018 crop year. Additional crops may be eligible for coverage under a written agreement. 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.

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

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