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## ***RMA Reminds Growers of Sales Closing Dates for Apiculture and the Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Vegetation Index Program***

SPOKANE, Wash., October 29, 2012 ----- USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds producers in Idaho and Oregon of the November 15 sales closing dates for the Pasture, Rangeland, Forage (PRF) pilot program, Vegetation Index program, and the Apiculture (API) pilot program for the 2013 crop year.

The PRF and API pilot programs (*available in all counties in Idaho and Oregon*) are based on vegetation greenness indices. The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors recently approved several changes to the PRF pilot. PRF is designed to give forage and livestock producers the ability to buy insurance protection for losses of forage produced for haying and grazing. The API pilot provides a safety net for beekeepers' primary income sources – honey, pollen collection, wax, and breeding stock.

Producers can purchase a PRF insurance policy and a USDA Farm Service Agency Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) policy on the same acres for the same intended use. They may also earn a PRF indemnity and a NAP payment the same year.

**The PRF and API insurance sales closing date for the 2013 crop year is Thursday, November 15, 2012.** Producers are encouraged to visit with their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details. When doing so, they should ask their agent about program changes and seek help in reviewing their historical grid information. History for each grid and interval across Idaho and Oregon can be found at <http://agforceusa.com/rma/vi/prf/maps>.

Federal crop insurance policies are sold and delivered solely through private insurance companies and agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers in the United States or on RMA's Web site at <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>.

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