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USDA Reminds Alaska Producers of Sales Closing for 2013 Crop Insurance Protection Programs

SPOKANE, Wash., January 22, 2013 — USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Alaska producers of the **March 15 sales closing date for Alaska Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) programs** including Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite insurance (new application/enrollment policies) and coverage for spring-seeded insurable crops (barley, cabbage, potatoes, oats, and wheat).

“In 2012, Alaska producers had the option to get crop revenue protection in addition to yield protection for barley and spring wheat,” said Dave Paul, Regional Director for RMA’s Spokane Regional Office. “Over 1,000 acres of barley were insured under the new revenue option and we encourage growers to visit with their crop insurance agent about the benefits of these revenue type protection policies.”

Alaska producers also have the option of buying a whole-farm revenue protection package, Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite providing protection against low revenue due to unavoidable natural disasters and market fluctuations that affect income during the insurance year. Most farm-raised crops, animals, and animal products are eligible for protection, including coverage for organic and specialty commodities.

Current Alaska policyholders and uninsured growers must make all of their decisions on crop insurance coverage before the March 15 sales closing date. Producers are encouraged to visit with their crop insurance agent to learn specific details for the 2013 crop year. 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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