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New Tart Cherry and Table Grape Insurance Coverage and Fruit Sales Closing Dates

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 23, 2013 — USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) today announced the coverage availability for Tart Cherry Actual Revenue History and Table Grape Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) programs for the 2014 crop year.

Tart Cherry (for processing) Actual Revenue History (ARH) Insurance is available in Adams, Franklin, and Grant counties in Washington.

Table Grape Crop Insurance is available in Canyon County, Idaho.

Fruit producers are reminded of the upcoming sales closing date Wednesday, November 20, for apple, blueberry, sweet and tart cherry actual revenue history, cranberry, grape, pear, table grape, and stonefruit crops (apricots, nectarines, freestone peaches, and plums/prunes).

Current policyholders and uninsured growers must make all of their decisions on crop insurance coverage before the sales closing date. If there is no coverage in a county for a specific crop under the traditional MPCI program; producers may ask a crop insurance agent whether they would be eligible for coverage under a written agreement.

Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2014 crop year. Federal crop insurance program policies are sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance companies and agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA service centers throughout the United States or on the RMA web site at www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents.

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