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RMA Announces Expanded Coverage for Barley Specialty Types in Alaska and Reminds Growers of Whole Farm and Multiple Peril Crop Insurance Sales Closing Date of March 17

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan 14, 2014 - The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced the expanded coverage for specialty barley types in Alaska. The Agency also reminds growers of the March 17 sales closing date for Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) programs. These programs include the Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite insurance (new application/enrollment policies) and coverage for spring-seeded insurable crops (barley, cabbage, potatoes, oats and wheat).

Expanded coverage availability for specialty barley includes Hulless, Waxy Hulled and Waxy Hulless types.

Alaska producers have the option of obtaining an individual MPCI policy for each insured crop or a whole-farm revenue protection package, Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite (AGR-Lite). AGR-Lite provides 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. Coverage may include organic and specialty commodities.

Current Alaska policyholders and uninsured growers must make all of their decisions on crop insurance coverage before the sales closing date of March 17. If there is no coverage in a county for a specific crop under the traditional multiple peril crop insurance program, producers may ask a crop insurance agent whether they would be eligible for coverage under a written agreement.

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 website at www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents.

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