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## **USDA Reminds Pacific Northwest Producers of Upcoming Crop Insurance Sales Closing Deadlines**

SPOKANE, Wash., August 19, 2014 — The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds producers in the Pacific Northwest of upcoming sales closing deadlines for 2015 fall crop Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) programs.

The sales closing date is the last day to buy federal crop insurance. Current policyholders and uninsured producers must make all of their decisions on crop insurance coverage, especially which crops to insure and what level and type of coverage to get before the sales closing date. The following are 2015 crop year sales closing deadlines:

- Canola/Rapeseed – September 2 (for fall planted types);
- Onions – September 2 (fall planted types - Umatilla/Walla Walla counties only);
- Mint with Winter Coverage – September 30;
- Forage Production – September 30 (select counties, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington);
- Forage (Alfalfa) Seed – September 30;
- Fall Planted Barley with Winter Coverage – September 30 (in select counties);
- Fall Planted Dry Peas/Lentils with Winter Coverage – September 30 (in select counties); and
- Wheat – September 30.

Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2015 crop year. Federal crop insurance 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](http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents).

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