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## **Blueberry Crop Program Continues to Expand**

Coverage for Morrow County, Oregon Producers now Available

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct 12, 2017 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) has announced the expanded availability of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation's (FCIC) blueberry crop insurance coverage in Morrow County, Oregon.

Federal crop insurance is critical to the farm safety net. It helps producers and owners manage revenue risks and strengthens the rural economy. Information on available coverage for blueberries can found on the RMA <u>Information Browser</u>.

Approved counties with Blueberry Multiple Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) coverage include: **Oregon:** Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Linn, Marion, Morrow, Washington, and Yamhill counties and **Washington state:** Benton, Clark, Cowlitz, Franklin, Grant, Lewis, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, Walla Walla, Whatcom, and Yakima counties. The 2018 sales closing date for blueberries is Monday, November 20, 2017.

Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until the sales closing date to do so. Producers, including those in Morrow County, Oregon are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for 2018 crop year.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the RMA <u>Agent Locator</u>. Growers can use the RMA <u>Cost Estimator</u> to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online.

For more information about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net, visit www.rma.usda.gov.

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