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USDA Reminds Farmers of Upcoming Spring Crop and Whole-Farm Revenue Sales Closing Deadlines

Producers in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington Need to Make Decisions Soon

SPOKANE, Washington, Jan. 9, 2018 - USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds farmers in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington of the final dates to purchase or modify Federal crop insurance coverage on 2018 spring-planted crops is fast approaching. Calendar and early fiscal tax filers also have time to purchase the <u>Whole-Farm Revenue Protection</u> (WFRP) program policy.

For 2018 spring-planted onions in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and cabbage in Oregon and Washington, the final date to purchase or modify crop insurance is February 1. The date for all other 2018 spring-seeded crops (excluding wheat in counties with fall and spring planted types) and for farmers who file their taxes on an early fiscal or calendar basis can purchase the WFRP by March 15.

Individual yield crop insurance policies provide protection against production losses due to natural perils. The WFRP policy provides revenue protection.

Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 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. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at <u>www.rma.usda.gov</u>.

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