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## USDA Expands Crop Insurance Programs for Dry Beans and Dry Peas in Five States

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**BILLINGS, MONT., November 17, 2023** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has made several updates and expansions to its crop insurance program for dry beans and dry peas that will begin with crop year 2024 in select counties of five states. USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) is expanding insurance options for dry bean and dry pea producers in Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, Minnesota, and Michigan.

"In order to provide the best risk management resources to our Nation's dry bean and dry pea producers, we continually adapt our programs to meet their needs," said Eric Bashore, RMA Billings Regional Office Director. "These improvements and expansion of the dry bean and dry pea programs will help provide more options and flexibility for additional coverage to more producers, which is one of our main goals."

#### Improvements:

- Expansion of revenue protection for Great Northern type dry beans in Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming.
- Expansion of revenue protection to Spring Smooth Green or Yellow type dry peas in Nebraska.
- Expansion of White Kidney dry bean coverage to Pope, Stevens, and Swift counties in **Minnesota**.

 Expansion of Adzuki dry bean coverage to Bay and Saginaw counties in Michigan.

Since 2013, the Pulse Crop Revenue program has offered revenue protection for dry beans and dry peas in selected production regions, and RMA has expanded coverage over the years. In 2022, producers insured nearly 2.26 million acres with over \$807 million in liabilities.

#### **More Information**

The next sales closing date for Pulse Crop Revenue coverage is March 15, 2024. 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 <u>RMA Agent Locator</u>. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at rma.usda.gov or by contacting your RMA Regional Office.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

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