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Sales Closing Date Nears for Mississippi Crop Insurance Programs

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Producers Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon

JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 17, 2021 — The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Mississippi producers that the final date to apply for oats and wheat is September 30. Current policyholders and uninsured growers who wish to buy a policy for the 2022 crop year must make all decisions on crop insurance coverage by the sales closing date for that crop. Decisions include what crops to insure and what coverage level to choose.

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 in select counties can be found on the RMA <u>Information Browser</u>.

RMA is authorizing additional flexibilities due to coronavirus while continuing to support producers, working through Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) to deliver services, including processing policies, claims, and agreements. RMA staff are working with AIPs and other customers by phone, mail and electronically to continue supporting crop insurance coverage for producers. Farmers with crop insurance questions or needs should continue to contact their insurance agents about conducting business remotely (by telephone or email). More information can be found at <u>farmers.gov/coronavirus</u>. Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available online using the RMA <u>Agent Locator</u>. Producers 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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