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Crop Insurance Deadline Nears for Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin

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Producers Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon

SAINT PAUL, Minn., Feb. 19, 2019 – USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds lowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin producers that the final date to apply for crop insurance for spring crops such as barley, buckwheat, cabbage, canola, cigar binder tobacco, corn, cucumbers, dry beans, dry peas, grain sorghum, flax, forage seeding, green peas, hybrid seed corn, oats, popcorn, potatoes, processing beans, soybeans, sugar beets, sunflowers, sweet corn, and wheat is March 15 for the 2019 crop year. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until the March 15 sales closing date to do so.

Federal crop insurance is critical to the farm safety net. It helps producers and owners manage revenue risks and strengthens the rural economy. Producers may select from a number of coverage options, including yield coverage, revenue protection, and area risk policies.

Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2019 crop year. Agents can help producers determine what policy works best for their operation and review existing coverage to ensure the policy meets their needs.

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>. Farmers 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 <u>www.rma.usda.gov</u>.

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