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Crop Insurance Expansions for the 2022 Crop Year

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Almonds, Mandarins, Pistachios, and Walnuts Program Expanded into New Counties

Davis, Calif., Oct. 4, 2021 — The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) has expanded the Almond, Mandarin, Pistachio, and Walnut insurance programs into new counties in California for the 2022 crop year. California growers have until the sales closing date to apply for crop insurance coverage for these crops.

Mandarins insurance program has been expanded into Kings County with a sales closing date of November 20, 2021. Almonds have been expanded into Placer and Sacramento counties with a sales closing date of December 31, 2021. Pistachios has been expanded into Sacramento and Yolo counties with a sales closing date of December 31, 2021. And, Walnuts have been expanded into Sacramento County with a sales closing date of January 31, 2022.

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 several coverage options, including yield coverage, revenue protection, and area risk policies. Additional information can be found on the Actuarial Information Browser page on the RMA website.

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 www.rma.usda.gov.

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 farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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