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<u>Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in Florida for Pasture, Rangeland, and</u> <u>Forage and Apiculture Producers</u>

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VALDOSTA, Ga., Nov. 1, 2023 — The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Florida forage, livestock, and honey producers that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2024 crop year is December 1. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until the December 1 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. Acreage intended for grazing and haying is insurable under the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage (PRF) program, and colonies of bees are insurable under the Apiculture program. The PRF and Apiculture programs for 2024 are under the Rainfall Index insurance plan. Coverage is available for PRF and Apiculture in all Florida counties. For more information regarding coverage, producers can access RMA Apiculture Grid ID Locator and the PRF Support Tool online.

Growers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2024 crop year.

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.

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