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## Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in Alabama

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## Pecan Growers Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon

VALDOSTA, Ga., Jan. 11, 2018 - USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Alabama pecan growers that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage is Jan. 31, 2018. Current policy-holders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until the Jan. 31 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. Coverage is available for pecans in Autauga, Baldwin, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Dallas, Escambia, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes, Macon, Mobile, Monroe, Pike, and Russell counties. Please contact your insurance agent to see if your county is covered.

Growers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2018 crop year. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the RMA Agent Locator. Growers can use the RMA Cost Estimator 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>the RMA website</u>.

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