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Crop Insurance Deadline Nears for Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

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Producers Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon

SPOKANE, Wash., March 11, 2021 — USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington producers that the final date to apply for crop insurance for spring crops and programs such as barley, buckwheat, cabbage, canola, corn, dry beans, dry peas, flax, forage seeding, green peas, hemp, hybrid popcorn seed, hybrid sweet corn seed, mint, mustard, oats, potatoes, processing beans, processing sweet corn, safflower, soybeans, sugar beets, wheat (Alaska and Klamath County, OR), and Whole-Farm Revenue Protection for calendar and early fiscal filers is March 15 for the 2021 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 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.

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.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private insurance agents. A list of insurance agents is available online using the RMA <u>Agent Locator</u>. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at rma.usda.gov.

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