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Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia for Controlled Environment Coverage

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Raleigh, N.C., Oct. 31, 2024 — The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia plant producers of the availability of Controlled Environment (CE) coverage that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2025 crop year is December 1. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing policies also have until December 1 to do so.

Controlled Environment (CE) is a pilot product that offers insurance for destruction orders for plant diseases and contamination introduced from the environment even though all biosecurity protocols were followed for plant grown in controlled environments. Federal crop insurance is critical to the farm safety net. It helps producers and owners manage revenue risks and strengthens the rural economy. Coverage for CE is available in certain counties in Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Additional information can be found on the <u>Actuarial Information Browser</u> page on the RMA website.

Growers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2025 reinsurance year.

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