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Final Planting Date Changes for Cotton Insurance Coverage

RALEIGH, N.C., February 24, 2014 - The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced final planting date changes for the cotton program in participating counties across North Carolina and Virginia beginning with the 2014 crop year. The updated final planting date is May 25.

The new date applies to cotton insured under the Federal crop insurance program in:

North Carolina – Anson, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Cabarrus, Camden, Carteret, Chatham, Chowan, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Davidson, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gaston, Gates, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Iredell, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln, Martin, Montgomery, Nash, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Tyrrell, Union, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson counties.

Virginia – Accomack, Brunswick, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Henrico, Isle of Wight, King and Queen, King William, Northampton, Prince George, Southampton, Surry, and Sussex counties as well as the independent city of Suffolk City.

Cotton planted within 5 days after the final planting date will still be insured. The per-acre production guarantee will be reduced by one percent per day for days 1-5 of the late planting period.

Producers are strongly urged to contact a local crop insurance agent as soon as possible for a premium quote and additional details. For a list of crop insurance agents in your area, contact the local USDA Farm Service Agency office or go to the RMA website at: www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/.

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