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## ***RMA Announces Expanded Availability for Blueberry Insurance Including Cowlitz and Snohomish Counties***

Spokane, Wash., October 22, 2012 ----- USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) announces the expanded availability of Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) for blueberries into Benton, Cowlitz, Franklin, Grant, Snohomish, Walla Walla and Yakima counties. Before the expansion, coverage was available only in Clark, Lewis, Pierce, Skagit, Thurston and Whatcom counties.

**The sales closing date is Tuesday, November 20, for perennial fruit crops.** Producers are encouraged to visit with their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2013 crop year.

Federal crop insurance policies are sold and delivered solely through private insurance companies and agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers in the United States or on RMA's Web site at <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>.

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