

## PCCP Deadline Update

USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) is issuing a deadline update for the [Pandemic Cover Crop Program](#) (PCCP) regulation to address the issue of qualifying cover crops that are planted *after* the original **March 15** reporting deadline, such as cover crops interplanted with sugar beets. For qualifying cover crops planted after March 15, producers now have through **May 31, 2022** to report those cover crop acres.

PCCP, part of USDA's [Pandemic Assistance for Producers](#) initiative, helps farmers maintain their cover crop systems, despite the financial challenges posed by the pandemic. Agricultural producers who have coverage under most crop insurance policies are eligible for a premium benefit from the USDA if they planted cover crops during the 2022 crop year.

To receive the benefit for this program, producers must have filed a **Report of Acreage form (FSA-578)** for cover crops with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) by **March 15**, or as stated above, by **May 31** for qualifying cover crops that are planted after March 15. The cover crop fields reported on the Report of Acreage form must match what the producer reported to their insurance company for crop insurance policies. To file the form, producers must contact and make an appointment with their local [USDA Service Center](#).

The updated Rule can be viewed in the [Federal Register](#). More information, including the [PCCP Fact Sheet](#) and [frequently asked questions](#), can be found at [farmers.gov/pandemic-assistance/cover-crops](https://farmers.gov/pandemic-assistance/cover-crops).