



News Release

Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in Maryland

Small Grain Producers Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon

RALEIGH, N.C., Aug. 28, 2020 — The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Maryland small grains producers that the final date apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2021 crop year is September 30, 2020. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing policies also have until September 30 to do so.

Crop insurance provides protection against crop production losses due to natural perils such as drought, hail, and excessive moisture. Coverage for small grains is available in select counties. Additional information can be found on the RMA [Actuarial Information Browser](#).

Prices for small grains for the 2021 crop year are explained in the Commodity Exchange Price Provisions. Producers can use the RMA [Price Discovery](#) tool to get the small grains projected price and harvest price. Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2021 crop year. Crop insurance coverage decisions must be made on or before the sales closing date.

USDA's Risk Management Agency (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 crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available online using the RMA [Agent Locator](#). Producers can use the RMA [Cost Estimator](#) to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at www.rma.usda.gov.

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