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RMA Makes Improvements to Caneberry Crop Insurance Program

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Davis, Calif., Sept. 2, 2022 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) approved changes to the Actual Production History (APH) Caneberry crop insurance program for the 2023 and succeeding crop years. RMA has simplified the program by removing the cut back, grow through, mow down, and new planting growing practices, making it easier for producers to maintain records and purchase insurance. The change was made in response to feedback concerning the complexity of maintaining production records for locations containing multiple growing practices within the same field or unit.

“These changes alleviate the need for producers to maintain production records at the growing practice level—reducing program complexity and record requirements by eliminating differences between growing practices,” said RMA Davis Regional Office Director, Jeffrey Yasui. “We value feedback from producers and are always looking for ways to make resources more easily accessible and the processes as smooth as possible, and these improvements help us toward that goal.”

Producers commonly have sub-divided fields with a combination of growing practices within a unit. Because these various growing practices do not have an impact on the marketing or sale of caneberries, producers do not typically maintain production records at the growing practice level.

In 2021, the APH Caneberry policy protected more than \$16 million in liabilities for covered caneberries.

The changes to the APH Caneberry Crop Provisions will be available on the [USDA's RMA website](#) by August 31, 2022.

More Information

Federal crop insurance is critical to the farm safety net. It helps producers and owners manage revenue risks and strengthens the rural economy. Producers may select from several coverage options, including yield coverage, revenue protection, and area risk policies. Additional information can be found on the [Actuarial Information Browser](#) page on the RMA website.

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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