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Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in Illinois for Spring Planted Crops, Whole-Farm Revenue Protection, and Micro Farm Program

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SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Feb. 25, 2022 — The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Illinois producers that March 15, 2022, is the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage on spring planted crops. March 15 is also the final date for growers to apply for coverage under the Whole-Farm Revenue Protection policy and the new Micro Farm Program. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until the March 15 sales closing date to do so.

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. More information on available coverage, by state and county, can be found in the Actuarial Information Browser on the RMA website.

RMA encourages producers to visit their crop insurance agent, prior to March 15, with questions and to learn specific details for the 2022 crop year.

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. On farmers.gov, you can find more information on USDA's response and relief for producers and use other tools

and resources.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the <u>RMA Agent Locator</u>. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at rma.usda.gov.

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