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Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in Florida

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Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage and Apiculture Producers Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon

VALDOSTA, Ga., Oct. 6, 2020 — The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Florida forage, livestock, and honey producers that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2021 crop year is November 15. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until the November 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. Acreage intended for grazing and haying is insurable under the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage (PRF) program, and colonies of bees are insurable under the Apiculture program. The PRF and Apiculture programs for 2021 are under the Rainfall Index insurance plan. Coverage is available for PRF and apiculture in all Florida counties. For more information regarding coverage, producer can access RMA [Apiculture Grid ID Locator](#) and the [PRF Tool](#) online.

Growers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2021 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. 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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