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Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in Maine

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Apple and Blueberry Growers Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon

RALEIGH, N.C., Oct. 19, 2020 — The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Maine apple and blueberry growers that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2021 crop year is November 20. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing policies also have until November 20 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. Coverage for apples and blueberries is available in select counties. Additional information can be found on the [Actuarial Information Browser](#) page on the RMA website.

Growers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2021 crop year, including insurance for apples and blueberries. Additional crops or counties may be eligible for coverage under a written agreement. 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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