

[Back to News Releases](#)

## **Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Virginia**

News Release |  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
|  
December 28, 2020  
[View PDF](#)

### **Potato Growers Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon**

RALEIGH, N.C., Dec. 28, 2020 — The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds potato growers in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Virginia that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2021 crop year is January 31. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing policies also have until January 31 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 potatoes 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 potatoes. 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](https://farmers.gov/coronavirus).

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 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](http://www.rma.usda.gov).

#

*USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.*

[Back to News Releases](#)

## **Risk Management Agency:**

4405 Bland Road, Suite 160 Raleigh, NC 27609-6293  
Kevin Wooten, Director

## **Contact:**

FPAC Press Desk

[FPAC.BC.Press@usda.gov](mailto:FPAC.BC.Press@usda.gov)