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<u>Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio for Perennial Crops</u>

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Springfield, IL., Nov. 1, 2024 — USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio producers that the final date to apply for crop insurance for perennial fruit crops, such as apples, blueberries, cherries, grapes, and peaches, is November 20 for the 2025 crop year. Growers who are interested in the Whole-Farm Revenue Protection or Micro Farm policies, and are late fiscal year filers, have until November 20 to apply for crop insurance. Current policyholders also have until the November 20 sales closing date to make changes to their existing coverage.

Federal crop insurance is critical to the farm safety net. It helps producers and owners manage revenue risks and strengthens the rural economy. Growers have a number of coverage and insurance options available. 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 2025 crop year. In particular, coverage options for blueberries in Michigan have been enhanced for the 2025 crop year. Crop insurance coverage decisions must be made on or before the sales closing date.

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. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm

safety net at rma.usda.gov.

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