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## [USDA Makes Improvements for Florida Citrus Fruit Crop Insurance Program Starting Crop Year 2027](#)

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**Valdosta, Ga., August 27, 2025** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) is making changes to the Florida Citrus Fruit crop insurance program for the 2027 and succeeding crop years. The insurance program is an Actual Production History (APH) coverage policy for oranges, grapefruit, tangelos, mandarins/tangerines, tangors and lemons in the state of Florida. The sales closing date is Nov. 1, 2025, for the 2027 crop year.

“This program offers coverage based on a producer’s historical yields instead of a state’s average value. In 2025, Florida producers protected over 96,000 acres of citrus covering more than \$172 million in liabilities,” said RMA Administrator Pat Swanson. “We collaborated with stakeholders to implement these changes to make the program even more accessible to producers.”

Beginning with the 2027 crop year, RMA will expand coverage through the following updates:

- Reduce production requirements on older trees to make it easier for producers to obtain insurance. The prior requirement of 100-box/acre minimum is now a 75-box/acre minimum in at least one of the three previous years for trees eight years and older.
- Add two new insurable varieties of Tangerines - UF 950 and Gold Nugget.

### **More Information**

RMA secures the future of agriculture by providing world class risk management tools to rural America through Federal crop insurance and risk management education programs. RMA provides policies for more than 130 crops and is constantly working to adjust and create new policies based on producer needs and feedback.

[Contact a crop insurance agent](#) to see how Federal Crop Insurance can meet the specific needs of your operation. Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available online at the [RMA Agent Locator](#). Producers can learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at [rma.usda.gov](http://rma.usda.gov) or by contacting their [RMA Regional Office](#). RMA's [Basics for Beginners](#) provides information for those new to crop insurance.

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