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USDA Expands Crop Insurance Options for Olive Growers in Select California Counties

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(Davis, Calif., Oct. 6, 2026) – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) is expanding coverage for California olive growers, making insurance coverage available for the oil olive type in Alameda, Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Yuba counties.

"We're excited to provide this option to California olive growers," said RMA Administrator Pat Swanson. "This expansion was made with growers in mind and is part of our ongoing effort to improve risk management options for specialty crop producers."

This change takes effect beginning with the 2027 crop year and is limited to the high density (HD) and super high density (SHD) practices only. Additionally, growers of the oil type of olives can elect to use their contract price.

The sales closing date is Jan. 31, 2027, for producers to apply for or make changes to their existing coverage through the Olive crop insurance program.

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 or by contacting their RMA Regional Office. RMA's Basics for Beginners provides information for those

new to crop insurance.

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