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Welcome to USDA e-News, California Edition, a multi-agency newsletter providing California's producers and other interested parties with current information.

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Updates

Federal Marketing Order Information Now Available

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has written two new posts for the USDA blog on federal marketing orders. Read the discussion of protections for the US olive industry in [USDA Marketing Order Provides Ingredients for Olive Industry's Success](#). And you can read about federal marketing orders for fruit and vegetable farmers in [USDA Celebrates Mothers, Farmers, and Industry Leaders](#).

Application Closing Dates Nears for 2016 Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

2016 NAP Application Closing dates for several crops are fast approaching. Please make sure to file an Application for Coverage and pay the service fee for your crop policy before these dates have passed. **September 1, 2015** is the last day to buy coverage for value loss crop (aquaculture, flowers, Christmas trees, etc.) and all crops with the intended use of grain or seed. For more information, please contact your local Farm Service Agency Office.

USDA Expands Crop Insurance Options for Fruit and Nut Producers

The Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) and the Actual Production History (APH) Yield Exclusion (YE) are now available to cover fresh fruit and nuts in select counties beginning with the 2016 crop year. SCO is an area-based policy endorsement that can be purchased to supplement an underlying crop insurance policy. It covers a portion of losses not covered by the

same crop's underlying policy. The APH Yield Exclusion allows farmers, with qualifying crops in eligible counties, to exclude low yields in exceptionally bad years (such as a year in which a natural disaster or other extreme weather occurs) from their production history when calculating yields used to establish their crop insurance coverage. The [Crop Insurance Decision Tool](#) and the [SCO/APH Yield Exclusion mapping tool](#), available online, provide farmers with information on APH Yield Exclusion and SCO eligible crops, crop years, and counties where they may elect the programs. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the Risk Management Agency's [agent locator](#). Growers can use the agency's [cost estimator](#) to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online.

Funding Opportunities

Deadline Approaching for Risk Management Education Partnerships Program and Targeted States Program

The deadline for submitting applications for the Risk Management Education and Targeted States Program is **August 14, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)**. The purpose of this competitive cooperative partnership agreement program is to deliver risk management training and crop insurance education to U.S. agricultural producers to assist them in identifying and managing production, marketing, legal, financial and human risk. The published 2015 Request for Applications for both programs can be viewed [here](#). Applications must be submitted through <http://rvs.umn.edu/Home.aspx>. Applications will not be accepted through Grants.gov nor will hard copy applications be accepted. A tutorial on how to apply is available online at <http://rvs.umn.edu/rmaresources> and is also included in the application system. Applicants must be registered through the System for Acquisition Management (SAM). Please visit www.SAM.gov for information on how to register. Contact RMA's Davis Regional Office (530) 792-5870 or rsoca@rma.usda.gov if you need help or have other questions.

Sales Closing Date Nears for Crop Insurance Programs

USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds producers that the final dates to apply for crop insurance on most insurable summer-planted crops are fast approaching. Producers need to purchase, review, or modify their crop insurance policies before these sales closing dates have passed. Crop insurance provides protection against crop production losses due to natural perils such as drought, hail, and excessive moisture. Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. The last day to buy or change your policy for Sugar Beets is **August 31, 2015**. For more information contact your agent or you can find an agent online at the RMA [Agent Locator](#).

NASS Reports

- [Crop Production](#) (8/12/15)
- [Fruit and Nut Review](#) (8/20/15)

- [Field Crop Review](#) (8/20/15)
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- [Poultry Report](#) (8/31/15)

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