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## SECRETARY GLICKMAN REMINDS PRODUCERS ABOUT CROP INSURANCE SALES CLOSING DATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11, 1998--Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman today reminded producers of spring-planted crops that the deadline to buy federal crop insurance is fast approaching. Producers must decide which crops to insure and which level of coverage to obtain, before this date; which is February 28 in some areas and March 15 in others.

"Knee-deep snows in the south and flooding in the west are vivid reminders of the unpredictable weather risks farmers face each year," said Glickman. "USDA's ability to help farmers following a crop loss depends entirely on the choices they make prior to the sales closing dates. Most need crop insurance. In fact, I have just written a letter to former policyholders asking them to reconsider their choice to not insure."

Producers interested in buying crop insurance should contact a crop insurance agent. A listing of crop insurance agents is found in all local USDA Farm Service Agency offices. \*Sales closing dates vary by crop and location (see attached).

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States/crops with a February 28 sales closing date:

Alabama	Corn	02/28/1998
	Cotton	02/28/1998
	Flue Cured Tobacco	02/28/1998
	Grain Sorghum	02/28/1998
	Peanuts	02/28/1998
	Soybeans	02/28/1998
	Sweet Potatoes	02/28/1998
Arizona	Corn	02/28/1998
	Cotton	02/28/1998
Arkansas	Corn	02/28/1998
	Cotton	02/28/1998
	Grain Sorghum	02/28/1998
	Peanuts	02/28/1998
	Rice	02/28/1998
	Soybeans	02/28/1998
California	Barley	02/28/1998
	Corn	02/28/1998
	Cotton	02/28/1998
	Dry Beans	02/28/1998
	Figs	02/28/1998
	Grain Sorghum	02/28/1998
	Rice	02/28/1998
	Sweet Potatoes	02/28/1998
	Wheat	02/28/1998
Delaware	Green Peas	02/15/1998*
Florida	Corn	02/28/1998
	Cotton	02/28/1998
	Flue Cured Tobacco	02/28/1998
	Fresh Market Tomatoes	02/28/1998
	Rice	02/15/1998*
Georgia	Corn	02/28/1998
	Cotton	02/28/1998
	Flue Cured Tobacco	02/28/1998
	Grain Sorghum	02/28/1998
	Peanuts	02/28/1998
	Soybeans	02/28/1998
Louisiana	Corn	02/28/1998
	Cotton	02/28/1998
	Grain Sorghum	02/28/1998
	Peanuts	02/28/1998
	Rice	02/28/1998
	Soybeans	02/28/1998
	Sweet Potatoes	02/28/1998
Mississippi	Corn	02/28/1998
	Cotton	02/28/1998
	Grain Sorghum	02/28/1998
	Peanuts	02/28/1998
	Rice	02/28/1998
	Soybeans	02/28/1998
North Carolina	Burley Tobacco	02/28/1998
	Corn	02/28/1998
	Cotton	02/28/1998
	Flue Cured Tobacco	02/28/1998
	Grain Sorghum	02/28/1998

	Peanuts	02/28/1998
	Soybeans	02/28/1998
	Sweet potatoes	02/28/1998
Oklahoma	Rice	02/28/1998
South Carolina	Corn	02/28/1998
	Cotton	02/28/1998
	Flue Cured Tobacco	02/28/1998
	Grain Sorghum	02/28/1998
	Peanuts	02/28/1998
	Soybeans	02/28/1998
	Sweet Potatoes	02/28/1998
Tennessee	Rice	02/28/1998
Texas	Corn	02/15/1998*
	Cotton	02/28/1998
	Grain Sorghum	02/15/1998*
	Grain Sorghum	02/28/1998
	Peanuts	02/28/1998
	Potatoes	02/28/1998
	Rice	02/28/1998
	Soybeans	02/28/1998

States/crops with a March 15 sales closing date:

Alaska	Barley	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Wheat	03/15/1998
Arizona	Cotton Ex Long Staple	03/15/1998
Arkansas	Fresh Market Tomatoes	03/15/1998
California	Cotton Ex Long Staple	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Sugar Beets	03/15/1998
Colorado	Barley	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Forage Production	03/15/1998
	Fresh Market Sweet Corn	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Millet	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Popcorn	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Sugar Beets	03/15/1998
	Sunflowers	03/15/1998
	Wheat	03/15/1998
Connecticut	Cigar Binder Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Cigar Wrapper Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
Delaware	Corn	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998

	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Sweet Corn	03/15/1998
	Tomatoes	03/15/1998
Idaho	Barley	03/15/1998
	Canola	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Dry Peas	03/15/1998
	Green Peas	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Safflower	03/15/1998
	Sugar Beets	03/15/1998
	Sweet Corn	03/15/1998
Illinois	Corn	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Green Peas	03/15/1998
	Hybrid Corn Seed	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Popcorn	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Sweet Corn	03/15/1998
	Tomatoes	03/15/1998
Iowa	Barley	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Forage Production	03/15/1998
	Forage Seeding	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Green Peas	03/15/1998
	Hybrid Corn Seed	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Popcorn	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Sweet Corn	03/15/1998
	Wheat	03/15/1998
Kansas	Barley	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Cotton	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Popcorn	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Sunflowers	03/15/1998
Kentucky	Burley Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dark Air Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Fire Cured Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Hybrid Corn Seed	03/15/1998
	Popcorn	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998

Maine	Barley	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Green Peas	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Wheat	03/15/1998
Maryland	Corn	03/15/1998
	Fresh Market Tomatoes	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Green Peas	03/15/1998
	Maryland Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Sweet Corn	03/15/1998
	Tomatoes	03/15/1998
Massachusetts	Cigar Binder Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Cigar Wrapper Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
Michigan	Barley	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Green Peas	03/15/1998
	Hybrid Corn Seed	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Popcorn	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Sugar Beets	03/15/1998
	Tomatoes	03/15/1998
Minnesota	Barley	03/15/1998
	Canola	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Flax	03/15/1998
	Forage Production	03/15/1998
	Forage Seeding	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Green Peas	03/15/1998
	Hybrid Corn Seed	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Popcorn	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Sugar Beets	03/15/1998
	Sunflowers	03/15/1998
	Sweet Corn	03/15/1998
	Wheat	03/15/1998
Missouri	Burley Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Cotton	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Hybrid Corn Seed	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Popcorn	03/15/1998
	Rice	03/15/1998

	Soybeans	03/15/1998
Montana	Barley	03/15/1998
	Canola	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Forage Production	03/15/1998
	Forage Seeding	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Safflower	03/15/1998
	Sugar Beets	03/15/1998
	Wheat	03/15/1998
Nebraska	Barley	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Hybrid Corn Seed	03/15/1998
	Millet	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Popcorn	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Sugar Beets	03/15/1998
	Sunflowers	03/15/1998
Nevada	Barley	03/15/1998
	Forage Production	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
New Hampshire	Corn	03/15/1998
	Forage Production	03/15/1998
	Forage Seeding	03/15/1998
New Jersey	Corn	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Tomatoes	03/15/1998
New Mexico	Corn	03/15/1998
	Cotton	03/15/1998
	Cotton Ex Long Staple	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Hybrid Sorghum Seed	03/15/1998
	Peanuts	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Sugar Beets	03/15/1998
New York	Barley	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Forage Production	03/15/1998
	Forage Seeding	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Green Peas	03/15/1998
	Hybrid Corn Seed	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Sweet Corn	03/15/1998

	Tomatoes	03/15/1998
North Carolina	Burley Tobacco	03/15/1998
North Dakota	Barley	03/15/1998
	Canola	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Dry Peas	03/15/1998
	Flax	03/15/1998
	Forage Production	03/15/1998
	Forage Seeding	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Millet	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Safflower	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Sugar Beets	03/15/1998
	Sunflowers	03/15/1998
	Wheat	03/15/1998
Ohio	Burley Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Hybrid Corn Seed	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Popcorn	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Sugar Beets	03/15/1998
	Tomatoes	03/15/1998
Oklahoma	Corn	03/15/1998
	Cotton	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Peanuts	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
Oregon	Barley	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Dry Peas	03/15/1998
	Forage Production	03/15/1998
	Green Peas	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Sugar Beets	03/15/1998
	Sweet Corn	03/15/1998
Pennsylvania	Barley	03/15/1998
	Cigar Filler Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Forage Production	03/15/1998
	Forage Seeding	03/15/1998
	Fresh Market Tomatoes	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Green Peas	03/15/1998
	Maryland Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998

	Sweet Corn	03/15/1998
	Tomatoes	03/15/1998
Rhode Island	Corn	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
South Dakota	Barley	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Flax	03/15/1998
	Forage Production	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Hybrid Corn Seed	03/15/1998
	Millet	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Popcorn	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Safflower	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Sunflowers	03/15/1998
	Wheat	03/15/1998
Tennessee	Burley Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Cotton	03/15/1998
	Dark Air Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Fire Cured Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
Texas	Corn	03/15/1998
	Cotton	03/15/1998
	Cotton Ex Long Staple	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Hybrid Corn Seed	03/15/1998
	Hybrid Sorghum Seed	03/15/1998
	Peanuts	03/15/1998
	Popcorn	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Sugar Beets	03/15/1998
	Sunflowers	03/15/1998
Utah	Barley	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Forage Production	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Safflower	03/15/1998
Vermont	Barley	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Forage Seeding	03/15/1998
	Wheat	03/15/1998
Virginia	Burley Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Cotton	03/15/1998
	Dark Air Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Fire Cured Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Flue Cured Tobacco	03/15/1998

	Fresh Market Tomatoes	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Peanuts	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Tomatoes	03/15/1998
Washington	Barley	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Dry Peas	03/15/1998
	Green Peas	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Sugar Beets	03/15/1998
	Sweet Corn	03/15/1998
West Virginia	Burley Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
Wisconsin	Barley	03/15/1998
	Cigar Binder Tobacco	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Forage Production	03/15/1998
	Forage Seeding	03/15/1998
	Grain Sorghum	03/15/1998
	Green Peas	03/15/1998
	Hybrid Corn Seed	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Processing Beans	03/15/1998
	Soybeans	03/15/1998
	Sweet Corn	03/15/1998
	Wheat	03/15/1998
Wyoming	Barley	03/15/1998
	Corn	03/15/1998
	Dry Beans	03/15/1998
	Forage Production	03/15/1998
	Forage Seeding	03/15/1998
	Oats	03/15/1998
	Potatoes	03/15/1998
	Sugar Beets	03/15/1998
	Wheat	03/15/1998