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## Fall Crop Insurance Reminders and Updates

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, August 8, 2011 -- USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds producers of important **2012 crop year Federal Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) sales closing dates** and changes to fall planted crop programs.

New for the 2012 crop year is coverage for the **Forage (Alfalfa) Seed Pilot** provided via written agreement in counties outside the current pilot area of Malheur County, Oregon. Producers wishing to insure alfalfa seed in counties outside the current pilot area should submit their requests for written agreement through an insurance agent by September 30, 2011.

If there is no coverage filed in a county for a specific crop under the traditional MPCI program, producers are encouraged to ask a crop insurance agent whether they would be eligible for coverage under a written agreement.

RMA also reminds Oregon producers of the 2012 crop year sales closing deadlines:

- **Onions** – August 31, 2011 (*Fall Planted types - Umatilla County only*)
- **Mint with Winter Coverage** – September 30, 2011
- **Forage Production** - September 30, 2011 (*Klamath and Malheur counties*)
- **Forage (Alfalfa) Seed Pilot** – September 30, 2011 (*all Idaho, Oregon, Washington counties*)
- **Fall Planted Barley with Winter Coverage** – September 30, 2011 (*in selected counties*)
- **Wheat** – September 30, 2011
- **Apiculture (Honey)** - September 30, 2011
- **Pasture Rangeland Forage** - September 30, 2011

RMA reminds producers of the important link between Federal crop insurance and Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster programs. For non-insurable crops, a producer may buy coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program by the closing date. For further information about timetables, please contact the local FSA County Office.

**Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon** to learn specific details for the 2012 crop year. Federal crop insurance program policies are sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance companies and agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers throughout the United States or on the RMA Web site at <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents>.

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