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RMA Reminds Oregon Producers of Upcoming Perennial Crop Sales Closing Date and the Addition of Processing Plums/Prunes Coverage

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, November 1, 2011 ---- Risk Management Agency (RMA) Spokane Regional Office reminds growers of upcoming sales closing date for 2012 crop year Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) perennial fruit crops.

- **November 21, 2011** (November 20 falls on a Sunday) - Apple, Blueberry, ARH Cherry Pilot, Cranberry, Grape, Pear and **Stonefruit** crop insurance

Also new for Oregon growers is coverage for **processing plums/prunes** under the MPCI Stonefruit Crop Provisions in **Oregon**: Douglas, Polk, Washington and Yamhill counties. Each of the following crops are separately insurable under the Stonefruit policy provisions: Apricots, Nectarines, Peaches and Plums. Pluots grown for fresh market are also insurable as a fresh Plum type.

RMA also reminds producers, if there is no coverage in a county for a specific crop under the traditional MPCI program; producers may ask a crop insurance agent whether they would be eligible for coverage under a written agreement.

Producers are encouraged to visit with 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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