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USDA ANNOUNCES CROP INSURANCE DEADLINE FOR DELAWARE SPRING CROPS

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Delaware farmers are reminded that the final date to apply for crop insurance on most insurable spring-planted crops for this year is March 15, 2011, according to the Raleigh Regional Office, USDA Risk Management Agency. Current policyholders also have until March 15 to make any changes to their existing contracts. Crop insurance provides protection against losses due to natural perils, such as drought, hail, wind, and excessive moisture. The March 15 sales closing date applies to Corn, Grain Sorghum, Processing Beans, Processing Sweet Corn, Processing Tomatoes, and Soybeans. Beginning with the 2011 crop year, the Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC) plan of insurance have been discontinued. Additionally, Actual Production History (APH) coverage is no longer available for Corn, Grain Sorghum, and Soybeans. Instead, a producer may choose to insure these crops utilizing one of the following three choices: (1) Yield Protection – replaces APH, (2) Revenue Protection – replaces CRC, and (3) Revenue Protection with the Harvest Price Exclusion – new product for Delaware. Producers are strongly urged to contact a local crop insurance agent as soon as possible for premium quotes and more details. For a list of crop insurance agents in your area, contact the local USDA Farm Service Agency office or log on to the Risk Management Agency web site at: <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>.

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