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USDA ANNOUNCES CROP INSURANCE DEADLINE FOR NJ POTATOES

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New Jersey potato growers should be aware that the final date to apply for insurance on potatoes for the 2008 crop year is December 31, 2007, according to the Raleigh Regional Office, USDA Risk Management Agency. Current policyholders likewise have until December 31 to make any changes to their existing contracts. Crop insurance provides protection against a loss in potato production due to natural perils such as drought or excessive moisture. The price election for 2008 will be \$6.75 per cwt. Crop insurance on potatoes is available in the following NJ counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Cumberland, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Salem. Potato producers are strongly urged to contact a local crop insurance agent as soon as possible for premium quotes and additional details. For a list of crop insurance agents in your area, contact the local USDA Farm Service Agency office or logon to the following Risk Management Agency web site:

<http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

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