



SALES CLOSING DATES

The Sales Closing Date (SCD) is one of the most important dates on the crop insurance calendar. It's the deadline to buy a new policy or make changes to your coverage for the upcoming crop year. March 15th is considered the standard and most common SCD. However, there is a variance across the country.

What It Means

Once the Sales Closing Date passes for a crop, your coverage decisions are locked in for that crop year. You can't add coverage, raise your coverage level, or switch policy types after this date. If you did not have a policy in place by the deadline, you generally can't get one until the following year.

Why It Varies

Sales closing dates are not the same everywhere. SCDs are set separately for each crop and county, based on typical planting windows in that area.

A date that applies to corn in one state may not apply to corn in another, and it definitely won't match the date for a completely different crop, like wheat or cotton.

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But if you want to change your coverage level, switch policy types, or add a new crop, you must act before the sales closing date.

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Find Your Crop Insurance Dates

Scan to look up deadlines for your crop and county using USDA RMA's Map Viewer.



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Key Takeaways

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The sales closing date is your deadline to buy or change crop insurance coverage.

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Dates vary by crop and county—always confirm the exact date for your operation.

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Existing policies renew automatically if you make no changes.

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Missing the deadline generally means waiting until next year for coverage.



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