# INSURING GREEN PEAS

2019 MARYLAND | CROP YEAR

Crop Insurance is a safety net for farmers that helps to manage risk. If you have a crop failure, crop insurance can help you maintain production and financial stability until the next growing year.



ARE YOUR GREEN PEAS
INSURABLE? The steps to identifying
whether or not your green beans can
be insured are as follows:

- A premium rate is provided by the actuarial document & grown under requirements of a processor contract
- You execute the policy by May 15 without exclusion from the contract at any time during the crop year

### The green peas:

- Are not interplanted with another crop
- · Are not planted into an established grass or legume
- · Are not planted as a nurse crop









#### **CAUSE FOR LOSS**

Policies protect you against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions, including hail, frost, freeze, wind drought, excess precipitation
- Excess sun causing sunburn
- Failure of irrigation water supply if caused by an insured peril during the insurance period
- Fire caused by an insured peril in the insured period
- Insect damage and plant disease except for insufficient or improper application of control measures; or wildlife

#### **DUTIES OF INSURED**

When making an insurance claim, you must provide **Notice of Loss** - If a loss occurs notify your crop insurance agent:

- Within 72 hours of initial discovery of damage
- Protect the crop from further damage by providing sufficient care; and leave representative samples intact for each field of the damaged unit

#### **TYPES OF INSURANCE**

Yield Insurance is the only type of insurance offered for orchards. It insures that if you have a given yield, you can receive a payment (at a set price) if your yield is low. Premium rates are based on the coverage level chosen, the insurance unit chosen, and the loss history for the county in which you farm. You can choose what level of coverage you prefer based on the price and yield coverage chosen.

#### **INSURANCE PERIOD**

Coverage usually begins when the peas are planted and ends with the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

- · Destruction of the crop
- The date the green peas should have been harvested but were not
- · Abandonment of the crop
- Completion of harvest
- The date you harvest sufficient production to fulfill your contract, if a specific amount is so stipulated
- Final adjustment of a loss by September 15 or September 30, if you provided notice the crop will be harvested as dry peas



Sales Closing Date February 15, 2019

**Final Planting Dates** 

Baltimore & Carroll Counties May 10, 2019

Other Maryland Counties April 30, 2019

Acreage Reporting Date May 15, 2019

Premium Billing Date August 15, 2019



## WHERE CAN I PURCHASE CROP INSURANCE?

Ask a neighbor for a recommendation or use the **Agent Locater tool** at **rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html**