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## **Crop Insurance Fall Sales Closing Date Approaches**

Billings, Mont., Sept. 9, 2013 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Risk Management Agency reminds producers in Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota that the fall sales closing date is September 30. Fall sales closing and cancellation dates are applicable for wheat (in counties with both a fall and spring sales closing date), forage production, and rye.

One important change for the 2014 crop year is the option to insure alfalfa and other forage seed crops via written agreement in counties without an alfalfa or forage seed program. Written agreements must be submitted through an insurance agent, and requests for the 2014 crop year must be signed by September 30, 2013.

Doug Hagel, Billings Regional Office director, reminds producers to contact their crop insurance agent for more information on the new rules. For more information on how to find a crop insurance agent, go to [www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html).

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