Forage Production

Sales Closing Dates*

Acreage Reporting Requirements

Causes of Loss

Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

*Program may not be available in all counties.

Crop Insured

Forage is insurable if:
- You have a share in the crop; and
- It is grown during one or more years after the year of establishment.

Forage is not insurable if:
- Does not have an adequate stand at the beginning of the insurance period;
- Is grown with a non-forage crop; or
- Exceeds the age limitations for forage stands contained in the Special Provisions.

For crops, types or practices not insurable in a county, consult a crop insurance agent about the availability of coverage through a written agreement.

Insurance Period

Coverage begins when the forage reaches an adequate stand and the date listed in the crop policy. Coverage ends with the earliest occurrence of one of the following:
- Total destruction of the crop;
- Removal from the windrow or the field for each cutting; Final adjustment of loss;
- The date grazing starts on the forage crop; Abandonment of the crop;
- October 15 in Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Shasta and Siskiyou Counties, California and all other states, except Arizona; or
- November 30 all Arizona and California counties, except those listed above.

See crop provisions for additional information.
**Insurance Units**

Basic units and optional units are available for forage production.

**Coverage Options**

You may buy crop insurance coverage under one of the insurance plans offered: Catastrophic Risk Protection, Actual Production History, or Area Yield Protection, where available.

Additional Options are Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO), where available.

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Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is fixed at 50 percent of your average yield and 55 percent of the price election. The cost for CAT coverage is an administrative fee of $655, per crop per county.

Your share of the premium will be 100 percent minus the subsidy amount.

Contact a Crop Insurance Agent for More Information

All multi-peril crop insurance, including CAT policies, are available from private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA service centers and on the RMA website.

Useful Links

- Actuarial Information Browser
- RMA Map Viewer
- USDA/Risk Management Agency Homepage
- Regional Office State Directory

This fact sheet gives only a general overview of the crop insurance program and is not a complete policy. For further information and an evaluation of your risk management needs, contact a crop insurance agent.

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