Annual Forage Insurance Program-Dual Use Option

2018 Farm Bill

The 2018 Farm Bill allowed Annual Forage producers to purchase two different insurance policies for crops that can be grazed and mechanically harvested on the same acres during the same growing season in certain counties. This Dual Use Option allows the purchase of an Annual Forage (AF) policy and a Small Grains policy. In the case of a loss under each policy, the insured can retain the indemnities paid under both policies.

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Overview

The Risk Management Agency’s (RMA) Annual Forage insurance program provides coverage on your annually planted forage or grazing crops. This program is designed to protect against a single peril: lack of precipitation.

The AF Dual Use Option is available in certain counties in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas as allowed by Special Provision. Check the Special Provisions for both the AF policy and the Small Grains policy to verify this option is available in your county. Producers who grow a small grain to both graze and harvest for grain in the covered counties during Growing Season 1 may be eligible for the dual use option.
Who is Eligible?

Find a Crop Insurance Agent

All Federal reinsured crop insurance policies are available from authorized crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA service centers and the RMA website on the Agent Locator Page: rma.usda.gov/Information-Tools/Agent-Locator-Page.

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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