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# 2008 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

# **Forage Seeding**

# Nevada

# **Crop Insured**

All the alfalfa (60 percent or more of the ground cover is alfalfa) in the county in which you:

- Have a share; and
- Planted during the current crop year, or
- Replanted during the calendar year following planting,
- Intent is to establish a normal stand of alfalfa.

The policy **does not cover** any acreage that is:

- Grown with the intent to be grazed or grazed at any time during the insurance period;
- That is interplanted with another crop, except nurse crops, unless allowed by written agreement.

#### **Counties Available**

Churchill Humboldt Lyon Pershing

The crop may be insurable in other counties by written agreement if specific criteria are met. Contact an agent for more details.

#### **Causes of Loss**

Adverse weather conditions<sup>1</sup>
Failure of irrigation water supply<sup>2</sup>
Fire<sup>3</sup>
Insects<sup>4</sup>
Plant disease<sup>4</sup>
Wildlife<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Natural perils such as hail, frost, freeze, wind, drought, and excess moisture. <sup>2</sup>If caused by an insured peril during the insurance period. <sup>3</sup>Unless weeds and undergrowth are not controlled or unmulched pruning debris is not removed. <sup>4</sup>But not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures. <sup>5</sup>Unless wildlife control measures have not been taken.

#### **Important Dates**

Sales Closing	July 31
Final Planting Date	September 15 (Fall)
	June 15 (Spring)

#### **Insurance Period**

Coverage is for the first year the crop is planted while the stand is being established.

Insurance ends the earliest of:

- Total destruction,
- The initial harvest of the unit,
- Final adjustment of a loss,
- The date grazing commences on the forage crop,
- Abandonment of the forage crop, or
- April 14 for all spring planted acreage and October 15 for fall planted acreage.

# **Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies**

A producer with forage **seeding** insurance can recover out-of-pocket cultural costs if more than 25 percent of the alfalfa seeding is damaged before the stand is established. The insured selects a percent coverage (27.5 percent to 75 percent) of a fixed dollar-amount offered by USDA before the insurance period.

# **Cost of Crop Insurance**

CAT coverage:

- Pay an application fee of \$100
- 100 percent of the premiums subsidized.

Higher coverage levels:

- Pay an application fee of \$30 and
- Premiums are subsidized at lower rates

For more detailed information about the amounts of coverage and premiums, please contact a crop insurance agent.

## **Loss Example**

A claim can be filed whenever production falls short of the guarantee selected by the insured. The amount of a loss is determined by multiplying the production shortfall by the pre-selected price.

Example: Assume you have 100-percent share on 30 acres of forage, with an amount of insurance of \$196 per acre. At the time of loss, the following is established 10 acres had a remaining stand of 75 percent or greater. Your indemnity would calculate as follows:

30	Acreage
x \$196	Amount per acre
\$5,880	Amount of insurance
<u>- \$1,960</u>	Production to count
	(10 acres with stand of 75 percent or greater)
\$3,920	Loss
x 1.0	Share
\$3,920	<b>Gross Indemnity</b>

#### Where to Purchase Crop Insurance

All multi-peril crop insurance, including CAT coverage insurance policies, are available from private insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available on the RMA Web site at: http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/

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