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## 2009 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

# Alfalfa Seed Pilot

## Nevada

### Crop Insured

- Irrigated **alfalfa seed**
- Grown solely for harvest as certified forage seed under certification standards of a certifying agency **or** grown under a forage seed contract.

The policy **does not cover** a forage seed crop that:

- Is interplanted with another crop;
- Does not have an adequate stand at the beginning of the insurance period as shown below;

ESTABLISHED STAND (# Living & fully developed alfalfa plants/sq. ft.)	FALL PLANTED SEED TO SEED (# Living alfalfa plants/sq. ft.)	SPRING PLANTED SEED TO SEED (# Living alfalfa plants/sq. ft.)
.34	1.03	1.03

- Exceeds the earlier of the maximum age of stand stipulated by the originator of the certified seed or the 6th and succeeding crop year after the crop year of initial seeding; or
- Is utilized for any purpose during the crop year other than for seed production.

### Counties Available (Pilot)

Humboldt  
Pershing

### Insured Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions  
 Earthquake  
 Failure of irrigation water supply<sup>1</sup>  
 Fire  
 Insects<sup>2</sup>  
 Plant disease<sup>2</sup>  
 Volcanic eruption  
 Wildlife

<sup>1</sup>If caused by an insured cause of loss occurring during insurance period.

<sup>2</sup>But not due to insufficient or improper application of control measures.

### Uninsured Causes of Loss

- (1) Crop not being timely harvested\*;
- (2) Insufficient supply of pollinators\*;
- (3) Failure of certification standard or seed contract acceptance caused by failure to follow proper isolation requirements or inadequate weed control\*;
- (4) Failure of certification standard or seed contract acceptance due to failure to follow all other certification or contract requirements\*.

\*unless solely and directly caused by an insurable cause of loss.

### Insurance Period

Insurance **begins** on acreage with an adequate stand on November 1, 2008, for fall planted seed to seed and established stands and May 15, 2009, for spring planted seed to seed.

Insurance **ends** the earliest of: (1) total destruction of the crop, (2) final adjustment of a loss on a unit, (3) abandonment of the crop, (4) harvest (removal of the seed from the windrow or field), (5) the date grazing commences on the crop, or (6) October 31, 2009.

### Reporting Requirements

In addition to the acreage reported by the acreage reporting date, you must supply:

- a copy of your forage seed contract for your contracted acreage or,
- if not contracted, a copy of the accepted certification application for your certified seed acreage.

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## Important Dates

Sales Closing.....October 31  
Acreage Reporting.....April 15  
for established stands and fall planted seed to seed  
Acreage Reporting.....June 30  
for spring planted seed to seed

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## Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

The guarantee is :

- Measured in pounds of seed.
- Based on the grower's past production.

Producers selects:

- Coverage levels from 50 to 75 percent of approved average yield; and
- 55 to 100 percent of a price announced by USDA.
- Catastrophic risk protection (CAT) coverage guarantees 50 percent of their approved average yield will be valued at 55 percent of the announced price.

**Price Election**— For seed grown under contract, the price election is the price per pound stated in the forage seed contract. For certified seed not under a seed contract, the price election is \$1.39 per pound

## Cost of Crop Insurance

CAT coverage:

- Pay an application fee of \$300
- 100 percent of the premiums subsidized.

Higher coverage levels

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

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## Loss Example

Based on actual production history (APH) yield of 300 lbs per acre, 65-percent coverage level on 100 acres of alfalfa seed, a contract price of \$1.50 , irrigated, and one basic unit, 100-percent share.

300	Pounds per acre average yield (APH)
x .65	Coverage level
195	Pounds per acre guarantee
- 100	Pounds per acre actually produced
95	Pounds per acre loss
x \$ 1.50	Contracted price
<b>\$143</b>	<b>Gross indemnity per acre</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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