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Forage Seeding

California

Crop Insured

Forage seeding will be all the alfalfa (60 percent or more of the ground cover is alfalfa) in the county in which you have a share; and that is planted during the current crop year, or replanted during the calendar year following planting, to establish a normal stand of forage. 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; and
- That is inter-planted with another crop, except nurse crops, unless allowed by the special provisions or by written agreement.

Counties Available

Forage seeding is available for insurance in the following counties: Alameda, Colusa, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter and Yolo counties. 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 conditions¹
 Failure of irrigation water supply²
 Fire³
 Insects⁴
 Plant disease⁴
 Volcanic eruption
 Wildlife⁵

¹Natural perils such as hail, frost, freeze, wind, drought, and excess moisture.

²If caused by an insured peril during the insurance period.

³unless weeds and other forms of undergrowth have not been controlled or pruning debris has not been removed.

⁴But not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures.

⁵Unless wildlife control measures have not been taken.

Insurance Period

Coverage is for the first year after the crop is planted, before the first cutting, while the stand is being established. To insure their alfalfa during the next year, producers must apply with a crop insurance agent by July 31. 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
- November 30

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 to 75 percent) of a reference dollar amount offered by USDA before the beginning of the insurance period begins.

Cost of Crop Insurance

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 raised the subsidies for federal crop insurance premiums substantially. For CAT coverage, growers pay an application fee of \$300 with 100 percent of the premiums being subsidized. Higher coverage levels are subsidized at lower rates; USDA pays at least 50 percent of the premium. For more detailed information about the amounts of coverage and premiums, please contact a crop insurance agent or your local county FSA office for an agent listing.

Important Dates

Sales Closing July 31
 Final Planting Date May 20
 Acreage Report Due May 31

Loss Example

Example assumes 100-percent share on 30 acres, with an amount of insurance of \$392 per acre, 10 acres had a remaining stand of 75 percent or greater at the time of loss, and 100-percent share.

30	Acreage
x \$392	Amount per acre
\$11,760	Amount of Insurance
- \$3,920	Production to count (10 acres with stand of 75 percent or greater)
\$7,840	Loss
x 1.0	Share
\$ 7,840	Gross Indemnity

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:

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