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Pasture, Rangeland and Forage (PRF) Insurance Available in Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah

Davis, Calif., September 24, 2013 - The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA), reminds producers of the sales closing date to purchase Pasture, Rangeland Forage (PRF) insurance for 2014 is November 15, 2013. Coverage begins January 2014.

PRF is an area risk policy covering grazing and forage land for livestock. This innovative pilot program uses rainfall or vegetation greenness indices as a basis for providing loss protection for forage and livestock producers whose forage is produced for grazing or harvested for hay. RMA uses the rainfall index in California, and the vegetative index in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

PRF is a risk management tool intended for producers whose crop production tends to follow the average precipitation or vegetation patterns within their selected grid area.

For a premium amount estimate of insurance needs, producers can use the online Cost Estimator at: <u>http://ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/</u>.

Private crop insurance agents are responsible for the sale and delivery of the crop insurance programs. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers or at: <u>http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/</u>.

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