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Alternative Insurance Programs are Available for Forage Production in Nebraska

TOPEKA, KANSAS, September 1, 2009 – Rebecca Davis, Director of the Topeka Regional Office of the Risk Management Agency, announced today the termination of the Forage Production Group Risk Plan (GRP) insurance program for the 2010 crop year and subsequent crop years for the following Nebraska counties: Boyd, Buffalo, Cedar, Cuming, Custer, Dawes, Dawson, Holt, and Knox. To provide policyholders with an opportunity to review alternate risk management options, cancellation notices are being sent to all producers participating in this program.

The Forage Production Actual Production History (APH) insurance program is an insurance product available in the following five counties that recently lost the Forage Production GRP insurance program: Boyd, Cedar, Custer, Holt and Knox counties. Forage production APH insurance program is a yield based program that provides producers the ability to purchase insurance protection for yield losses due to natural causes such as drought, excessive moisture, hail, wind, frost, insects, and disease. The Sales Closing Date is September 30, 2009. More detailed information about the Forage Production APH insurance program is available on the RMA Web site at: http://www.rma.usda.gov/fields/ks_rso/2009/neforageproduction.pdf.

The Pasture Rangeland, and Forage (PRF) Vegetation Index insurance program, is available through approved insurance providers. This program will provide livestock producers the ability to purchase insurance protection for losses of forage produced for grazing or harvested for hay. The change of insurance plans will require that the producer complete a new application for coverage prior to the Sales Closing Date of November 30, 2009. More detailed information about the Vegetation Index program is available on the RMA Web site at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/pasturerangeforage/>.

Producers are encouraged to spend time working with their crop insurance agent to learn additional details of crop insurance programs for the 2010 crop year. Federal crop insurance program policies are sold and delivered solely through private companies and agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers throughout the United States or on the RMA Web site at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>.

Coverage may also be available for Forage Production under the Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). For more detailed information about the NAP program please contact your local FSA office or visit the FSA Web site at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/>.