

Topeka Regional Office — Topeka, KS

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Forage Production

Colorado

Crop Insured

Irrigated forage is insurable if:

- It is all the irrigated alfalfa grown in the county on insurable acreage;
- Premium rates are provided;
- You have a share;
- It was planted for harvest as hay;
- It is grown during 1 or more years after the year of establishment; and
- It is a pure stand of alfalfa or a stand of alfalfa and grass in which 60 percent or more of ground cover is alfalfa.

Forage may not be insured if:

- It is grown with a non-forage crop;
- It is 6 years old or older;
- There are less than 6.0 living plants per sq. ft. at the beginning of the insurance period the first year;
- There are less than 4.0 plants per sq. ft. at the beginning of the insurance period the second year; or
- There are less than 3.0 plants per sq. ft. at the beginning of the insurance period the third through fifth years

Counties Available

Actual production history (APH) forage production insurance is available for Weld and Yuma counties. Coverage in other counties may also be available by written agreement if certain criteria are met. Talk to your crop insurance agent for more details.

Causes of Loss

You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions;
- Earthquake;
- Failure of the irrigation water supply due to a covered cause of loss during the insurance period;
- Fire;
- Insects, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of pest control measures;

- Plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of disease control measures; or
- Wildlife.

Damage that occurs after removal from the windrow is not insurable.

Insurance Period

Insurance begins on acreage with an adequate stand for the calendar year following the year of seeding on:

- April 15 for spring planted forage; or
- October 16 for fall planted forage.

Insurance coverage ends with the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

- Total destruction of the crop;
- Removal from the windrow or the field for each cutting;
- Final adjustment of loss;
- Date grazing commences on the forage crop;
- Abandonment of the forage crop; or
- October 15.

Important Dates

Sales Closing/Cancellation Date September 30, 2015
Acreage Report Date November 15, 2015
Production Reporting Date November 15, 2015
Premium Billing Date July 1, 2016
End of Insurance October 15, 2016

The acreage report is due April 15 for spring planted acreage following the year of seeding for alfalfa or an alfalfa grass mixture.

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report - You must report all of your forage acreage in the county by the acreage reporting date.

Underwriting Report - You must complete the forage production underwriting report and submit a copy to your crop insurance agent before insurance begins. This report identifies each field and certifies basic information needed to determine type classification, unit structure, and insurability of the stand.

Definitions

Adequate Stand - A pure stand of alfalfa or a stand of alfalfa and grass in which 60 percent or more of ground cover is alfalfa.

APH Yield - APH yield used to determine the production guarantee. The APH yield is based on up to 10 years of actual and/or assigned yields.

Production Guarantee - Number of tons guaranteed per unit. Multiply your APH yield per acre by the coverage level percentage you select and by the number of acres in the unit.

Unit - The insurable acreage used to determine the APH yield, the production guarantee, and any indemnity.

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Forage production may be insured at the coverage levels shown. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown. For example, if you select the 75-percent coverage level, the premium subsidy is 55 percent and your premium share is 45 percent of the base premium.

Subsidy Factor	Percent						
Coverage Level	CAT	0.50	0.55	0.60	0.65	0.70	0.75
Basic Unit	1.000	0.670	0.640	0.640	0.590	0.590	0.550
Optional Unit		0.670	0.640	0.640	0.590	0.590	0.550

For coverage levels above the Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) level, in addition to premium costs, administrative fees are \$30 per crop per county.

Catastrophic Coverage (CAT)

CAT is available at 50 percent of your APH yield and 55 percent of the established price election. The total cost for CAT coverage is an administrative fee of \$300 per crop per county, regardless of the acreage.

Price Elections

Price of compensation per ton in case of loss.

Established Price \$205.00 per ton

Insurance Units

Basic Unit - A basic unit includes all of your insurable forage acreage in the county by share arrangement. Premiums are reduced 10 percent for a basic unit.

Optional Unit - If a basic unit consists of two or more sections of land, and certain recordkeeping requirements are met, you may apply for optional units by section. The 10-percent premium discount applies.

Insurance Plans

Actual Production History is a production guarantee based on individual yield history. Protection is for yield loss only.

Replant, Late, or Prevented Planting

Not available on forage production policies.

Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO)

SCO is a crop insurance option that provides additional coverage for a portion of your underlying crop insurance

policy deductible. The amount of SCO coverage depends on the liability, coverage level, and approved yield of your underlying policy. For more information go to the SCO fact sheet at www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/2016sco.pdf.

Loss Example

Assume a 3.4 ton per acre APH yield for irrigated alfalfa, 65-percent coverage level, 100 percent of the established price and basic unit coverage.

3.4	Tons per acre APH yield
x 0.65	Percent coverage level
2.21	Tons guarantee
- 1.21	Tons per acre actually produced
1.0	Tons per acre loss
x \$205.00	Price election
\$205.00	Gross indemnity

Figures are shown per acre. Guarantees and losses are paid by unit. See the policy provisions.

Where to Buy Crop Insurance

All multi-peril crop insurance, including CAT policies, are available from private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA service centers and on the RMA website at www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html.

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