

## Topeka Regional Office — Topeka, KS

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# Forage Production

## Nebraska

### Crop Insured

Forage is insurable if:

- It is planted perennial alfalfa or a mixture of perennial alfalfa and perennial grasses;
- It is grown in the county on insurable acreage;
- Premium rates are provided;
- You have a share;
- It is planted for harvest; and
- It is grown after the year of establishment.

Forage may not be insured if:

- It is grown with a non-forage crop;
- It does not have an adequate stand at the beginning of the insurance period, an adequate stand requires a minimum number of living alfalfa plants per square foot for each year after the year of establishment (see table below); or
- It exceeds the age limitations for forage stands contained in the special provisions and the table.

Adequate Stand of Living Alfalfa Plants/sq. ft.								
Year After Establishment	Yr. 1	Yr. 2	Yr. 3	Yr. 4	Yr. 5	Yr. 6	Yr. 7	Yr. 8
Irr. Alfalfa	9.0	6.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	-
Irr. Alfalfa/Grass Mix	3.0	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	-
Irr. Grass/Alfalfa Mix	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	-
NI Alfalfa	6.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	-	-	-
NI Alfalfa/Grass Mix	2.0	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	-	-	-
NI Grass/Alfalfa Mix	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	-

Non-irrigated overage stands are not insurable as the alfalfa type or alfalfa grass mixture type and must be insured as grass alfalfa mixture type in the sixth and seventh years.

The grass alfalfa mixture type includes all overage alfalfa and alfalfa grass mixtures the eighth and succeeding years after the year of establishment, as long as there are at least 0.2 living alfalfa plants per square foot. No maximum age limitation applies.

### Counties Available

Actual production history (APH) forage production insurance is available in Boyd, Cedar, Custer, Holt, Howard, Keya Paha, Knox, Sherman, and Valley counties. Coverage in other counties may also be available by written agreement if certain criteria are met. Contact your crop insurance agent or for more information see [www.rma.usda.gov/abouttrma/fields/ks\\_rso/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/abouttrma/fields/ks_rso/).

### 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;
- Volcanic eruption; 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; and
- 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, 2016  
Acreage Report Date ..... November 15, 2016  
Production Reporting Date ..... November 15, 2016  
Premium Billing Date ..... July 1, 2017  
End of Insurance ..... October 15, 2017

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

Alfalfa & Alfalfa Grass Mixture ..... \$88.00 per ton  
Grass Alfalfa Mixture ..... \$88.00 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 does not apply.

## Coverage Level by Practice

If you produce a crop on both irrigated and non-irrigated land, you can elect a different coverage level for each production practice. The election is available for additional coverage policies only when the actuarial documents provide separate coverage by irrigated and non-irrigated practices. Even if you have an additional coverage level policy, purchasing the CAT Endorsement is not allowed as one of the separate coverage levels.

## 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/fctsht.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/fctsht.html).

## APH Yield Exclusion

The Yield Exclusion option, when elected, allows you to exclude yields from your actual production history when the actuarial documents provide that the county average yield for that crop year is at least 50 percent below the 10 previous consecutive crop years' average yield. A crop year that has been determined eligible for exclusion in a county will also be eligible for exclusion in contiguous counties. Producers who have either CAT or buy-up insurance policies can use this program. For more information go to the APH Yield Exclusion fact sheet at [www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/fctsht.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/fctsht.html).

## Loss Example

Assume a 2.0 ton per acre APH yield for alfalfa, 65-percent coverage level, 100 percent of the established price for a non-irrigated alfalfa grass mixture and basic unit coverage.

2.0	Tons per acre APH yield
x 0.65	Percent coverage level selected
1.30	Tons guarantee
- 0.75	Tons per acre actually produced
0.55	Tons per acre loss
x \$88.00	Price election
<b>\$48.00</b>	<b>Gross indemnity</b>

Figures are shown by 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](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html).

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