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Forage Production APH

Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin

Crop Insured

The crop insured will be all the forage in the county in which you have a share and may be a stand of:

- Pure alfalfa, or alfalfa and grass in which 60 percent or more of the ground cover is alfalfa.
- Mixed alfalfa and grasses in which alfalfa comprises more than 25 percent but less than 60 percent of the ground cover.
- Red clover, or a stand of red clover and grass in which 60 percent or more of the ground cover is red clover.

To be insurable, the crop must be grown after the year of establishment.***Year of establishment:** the calendar year of seeding if seeded prior to July 1; the calendar year following the year of seeding if seeded July 1 or later.

Exclusion: We **do not insure** any acreage that:

- Does not have an adequate stand* at the beginning of the insurance period;
- Is grown with a non-forage crop;
- Exceeds the age limitation for forage stands contained in the special provisions. (shown below):

*An adequate stand requires the following minimum living plants per square foot after the year of establishment:

	First Year	Second Year	Third thru Fifth Year*
Alfalfa	9	6	4 1/2
Alfalfa Grass	6	4	3
Red Clover	12	8	8* (third year only)

Counties Available

Forage production APH insurance is available in almost all counties in the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin, and in 86 counties in Iowa.

Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions¹
Failure of irrigation water supply²
Fire³
Insects⁴
Plant disease⁴
Wildlife

¹Including hail, frost, freeze, drought, and excess precipitation.

²If caused by an insured cause of loss.

³If due to natural causes.

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

Insurance Period

Insurance coverage will begin October 16, 2009 on acreage that has an adequate stand and that was seeded prior to the 2009 crop year. Insurance coverage will begin May 22, 2010 on acreage that has an adequate stand and that was spring seeded in 2009 (seeded prior to 7/01/09). Insurance will end at the earliest of: (1) total destruction of the forage crop, (2) removal from the windrow or the field for each cutting, (3) final adjustment of a loss, (4) the date grazing commences on the forage crop (grazing is allowed during winter dormancy of the crop; see special provisions of insurance), (5) abandonment of the forage crop, or (6) October 15, 2010.

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report—You must give a report of all your forage production acreage in the county by the acreage reporting date (November 15, 2009).

Forage Production Underwriting Report—You must complete the forage production underwriting report for each field of forage production and submit a copy of the report to your agent before insurance will attach.

Important Dates

Sales Closing DateSeptember 30, 2009
Acreage Reporting DateNovember 15, 2009
Premium Billing DateJuly 1, 2010
Production Reporting DateNovember 14, 2010

Definitions

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

Unit — The insurable acreage used to determine the APH yield, the production guarantee, and any indemnity (loss payment).

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

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Forage production may be insured at the coverage levels shown in the table below. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown. For example if you select the 75-percent coverage level, your coverage will be 75 percent of your approved APH yield, the premium subsidy is 55 percent, and your premium share is 45 percent of the base premium. 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 will be an administrative fee of \$300 per crop per county, regardless of the acreage. Administrative fees, in addition to premium costs, for coverage levels above CAT are \$30 per crop per county.

Price Elections

Price of compensation per ton in case of loss:

Established price: \$118 per ton.

Item	Percent							
Coverage Level	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85
Prem. Subsidy	67	64	64	59	59	55	48	38
Your Share	33	36	36	41	41	45	52	62

Insurance Units

Basic Unit: A basic unit includes all of your insurable forage production 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 record keeping requirements are met, you may apply for optional units by section. The 10-percent premium discount will not apply.

Plans of Insurance

Actual Production History (APH) — The production guarantee is based on your **individual** yield history.

Group Risk Plan (GRP) — Insures against widespread loss of production based on **county average** yields. No individual loss protection available. GRP for forage production is explained on a separate fact sheet.

Loss Example

A loss occurs when the tons of forage production produced for the unit fall below the production guarantee as a result of damage from a covered cause of loss. This example assumes 4.5 tons per acre APH yield, 75-percent coverage level, 100 percent of the established price, and basic unit coverage.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4.5 \text{ tons per acre APH yield} \\ \times .75 \text{ coverage level} \\ \hline 3.4 \text{ tons per acre guarantee*} \\ - 2.0 \text{ tons per acre actually produced} \\ \hline 1.4 \text{ ton per acre loss} \\ \times \$118 \text{ price election} \\ \hline \$165.20 \text{ gross indemnity per acre*} \\ - \$20 \text{ premium per acre (varies by county)} \\ \hline \$145.20 \text{ net indemnity per acre*} \end{array}$$

* Figures shown on a per acre basis; guarantees and losses paid are on a unit basis. See policy provisions.

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