

2014 MINNESOTA ACTUARIAL UPDATE

4/30, 6/30, & 8/31 FILINGS

4/30 MN Programs: LGM - Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Swine; LRP - Fed Cattle, Feeder Cattle, Lamb, Swine

6/30 MN Crops: Apiculture, APH Forage Production, Cultivated Wild Rice, Grass Seed, Pasture/Rangeland/Forage

8/31 MN Crops/Programs: AGR-Lite, Apples, ARPI Forage Production – Area Yield Protection

PROGRAM EXPANSION: Area Risk Protection Insurance (ARPI) has replaced GRP and GRIP plans, so GRP Forage Production has been replaced by ARPI. Under ARPI, the plan of insurance for Forage Production is Area Yield Protection (04).

PROGRAM DELETIONS: None

DATES: No changes

RATES:

- APPLES: Rate review done with new target rates being established for most counties.
- No other crops for these filings had a rate review done; however, some rates may have changed due to rates moving toward the target rates previously established.
- Rate surcharges have been removed for Organic Certified and Organic Transitional practices.
- Contract Pricing (CP) option has been added for most crops and is shown under the Rates tab in the Actuarial Information Browser (AIB). The CP option applies to certified organic practices only (for most crops).

STATEMENTS:

- APPLES: Contract pricing statement added to the Special Provisions. Allows certified organic producers to use their individual contract price for processing type apples rather than the published RMA price election in accordance with the Contract Price Addendum.
- CULTIVATED WILD RICE: Contract pricing statement added to the Special Provisions. Allows certified organic producers to use their individual contract price rather than the published RMA price election in accordance with the Contract Price Addendum.
- GRASS SEED: Contract pricing statement added to the Special Provisions. This statement doesn't apply to grass seed the same as other crops because grass seed already allows for use of a contract price within the limits shown under the Prices tab of the Actuarial Information Browser.
- FORAGE PRODUCTION (ARPI):
 - Statement added to Special Provisions that winterkilled acres do not have to be reported as insurable acres.
 - Statement added to Special Provisions that no production report is required for ARPI forage production (other ARPI crops require a production report from the insured).

TYPES/PRACTICES:

- FORAGE PRODUCTION (ARPI): Insurable types will be similar to APH Forage Production (Alfalfa, Alfalfa-Grass, and Red Clover), but ARPI Forage also includes a Grass type.

T-YIELDS:

- APPLES: Organic T-yields have been changed to be 70 percent of the conventional practice T-yields.

MAPS: No changes

OTHER:

- Area Risk Protection Insurance (ARPI) has replaced GRP and GRIP plans. RMA has published an ARPI fact sheet: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/arpi.pdf>
- Contract Price Addendum (CPA) published. The following is the link to the CPA: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/2014/14cpa.pdf>