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## **Pasture Rangeland and Forage Insurance Sales Closing Date**

Billings Mont., Nov. 1, 2013 –USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA) Billings Regional Office reminds producers in Montana and Wyoming that the sales closing date for the Pasture Rangeland and Forage insurance program is November 15.

In Montana a gridded rainfall index is used as a proxy for rangeland and forage production, and is intended to reflect how much precipitation is received relative to the long term average for a specified area and timeframe. In Wyoming a gridded vegetation index gathered by satellite is used to observe long-term changes in greenness of vegetation of a specified area since 1989. Producers can review historical grid data on the RMA web site at [www.rma.usda.gov](http://www.rma.usda.gov).

Doug Hagel, Billings Regional Office director, reminds producers to contact their crop insurance agent for more information. For more information on how to find a crop insurance agent, go to [www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html).

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