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Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota *Wheat, Forage Production, Alfalfa Seed, and Rye Growers Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon*

BILLINGS, Mont., Sept. 7, 2016 — USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds producers in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming, that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2017 crop year is September 30, 2016. The fall sales closing deadline applies to wheat, forage production, alfalfa seed, and rye.

Crop insurance provides protection against crop production losses due to natural perils such as drought, hail, and excessive moisture. One important change for the 2017 crop year is the expansion of alfalfa seed coverage to Carbon, Rosebud, Treasure and Yellowstone counties in Montana.

"Producers should contact their crop insurance agent for more information," said Eric Bashore, Billings Regional Office director.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the RMA [Agent Locator](#). Producers can use the RMA [Cost Estimator](#) to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at www.rma.usda.gov.

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