Crop Insured
Grass Seed is insurable if:

- It is grown in the county on insurable acreage;
- Premium rates are provided by the actuarial documents;
- Produced under a grass seed production contract; and
- It has an adequate stand.

Acreage of Kentucky bluegrass may be insured for as long as the crop meets the requirements for insurability contained in the crop provisions. Acreage of perennial ryegrass may only be insured for 1 year, the stand must be replaced each year.

Counties Available
Grass seed is available in Pembina and Walsh counties. Grass seed is not insurable in other counties.

Causes of Loss
You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions;
- Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured peril occurring during the insurance period;
- Fire;
- Insects and plant diseases, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures; or
- Wildlife.

Insurance Period
Kentucky bluegrass insurance coverage begins:

- May 22 of the second calendar year after planting; or
- October 16 following the end of the insurance period for all subsequent years the special provisions allow coverage.

Perennial ryegrass insurance coverage begins May 22 of the calendar year after planting and may only be insured for 1 year. Insurance coverage ends the earliest of:

- Total destruction of the crop;
- October 15;
- Harvest;
- Abandonment of the crop; or
- Final adjustment of a loss.

Important Dates
Sales Closing ………………….. September 30, 2017
Production Reporting ………………. July 15, 2018
Acreage Reporting …………………. July 15, 2018
Premium Billing ………………….. August 15, 2018

Reporting Requirements
Acreage Report - You must report all acreage of your grass seed in the county, both insured and uninsured, by the acreage reporting date.

Definitions
Adequate Stand - A population of live plants per acre of the insured type whose leaf area covers an average of at least 75 percent of the acreage planted to that type.
Clean Seed - Grass seed that has been conditioned.
Grass Seed Production Contract - A written agreement between you and the buyer, signed by both parties on or before the acreage reporting date containing at a minimum:
- Promise to plant;
- Buyer’s promise to purchase; or
- A fixed price, or a method to determine such price compiled by a third party that will be paid to you for at least 50 percent of the production stated in the contract.
Local Market Price - The lesser of the price election or the amount you would be paid for clean seed, as stated in your grass seed production contract.

Price Elections
Established Price
Kentucky Bluegrass …. $1.07 per finished pound

This fact sheet gives only a general overview of the crop insurance program and is not a complete policy. For further information and an evaluation of your risk management needs, contact a crop insurance agent.
Perennial Ryegrass... $0.64 per finished pound

The price election may be the grass seed production contract price up to a limit of 120 percent of the amount contained in the actuarial document provided the grass seed production contract price is determined before the acreage reporting date. Organic production has a separate established price and contract pricing options are available for certified organic types grown under guaranteed contracts.

**Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies**

Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is 50 percent of your average yield and 55 percent of the price election. The cost for CAT coverage is an administrative fee of $300, regardless of the acreage. There is no additional premium for CAT. For insurance coverage above 50 percent (buy up), a $30 administrative fee is charged per crop per county. Additional premium applies. Separate Basic Units are available by type - Premium is discounted for all units except optional units.

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<td>Whole-Farm Units are only available with revenue protection</td>
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For example, at the 75-percent coverage level, an average yield of 300 pounds per acre would result in a guarantee of 225 pounds per acre and a producer paid premium of 45 percent of the base premium.

**Replant Provisions**

Replant provisions are applicable with the exception of catastrophic (CAT) coverage policies.

**Insurance Plans Available**

- **Actual Production History (APH)** - The production guarantee is based on individual yield history.
- **Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO)** - Provides additional coverage to your underlying policy. The losses are determined by overall area performance for a given year. SCO is only available in select counties. For more information see the SCO fact sheet at [www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/fctsht.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/fctsht.html).

**Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss**

- Protect the crop from further damage by providing sufficient care;
- Notify your crop insurance agent within 72 hours of your initial discovery of damage (but not later than fifteen days after the end of the insurance period; and
- You cannot destroy or put the crop to another use without our prior approval.

**Loss Example**

Assume a Kentucky bluegrass APH yield of 300 pounds, 75-percent coverage level, and 100 percent of the established price.

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<td>x 0.75 Coverage level</td>
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<td>225 Pounds guarantee per acre</td>
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<td>- 100 Clean seed produced</td>
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<td>125 Pounds per acre loss</td>
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<td>x $1.00 Price election</td>
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<td><strong>$125.00 Gross indemnity per acre</strong></td>
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**Quality Standards Example**

Grass seed may fail to meet the quality standards of the production contract due to insurable causes. Assume a local market price of $0.75 per pound and damaged production price of $0.60 per pound.

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<td>x 0.80 Quality adjustment factor (0.60/0.75)</td>
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<td>80 Pounds adjusted damaged production</td>
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<td>225 Pounds guarantee per acre</td>
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Your premium is deducted from an indemnity payment.

**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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