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## **Sales Closing for Alaska Forage Production is Fast Approaching**

*Producers in Alaska Need to Make Decisions Soon*

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 31, 2015 — USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Alaska producers of the September 30 deadline to purchase federal crop insurance for forage production for the 2016 crop year. Producers need to buy, review, or modify their crop insurance policies before the sales closing date has passed. Crop insurance provides protection against crop production losses due to natural perils such as drought, hail, and excessive moisture.

Forage Production insurance plans are available in Fairbanks North Star, Kenai Peninsula, Matanuska-Susitna, Southeast Fairbanks, and Valdez-Cordova boroughs.

Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2016 crop year, including insurance for forage production, which may be eligible for coverage under a written agreement. 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.

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