Rainfall and Vegetation Index – Pasture, Rangeland and Forage

Rainfall Index (RI) and Vegetation Index (VI) Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage (PRF) Shares

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• Share
  – Your insurable interest in the insured crop as an owner, operator, or tenant at the time insurance attaches
  – Written documentation of share
    • Lease
    • Agreement outlining insured interest in insured crop
    • FSA-578, Report of Acreage, NOT acceptable documentation for determining shares

578 is not acceptable because the shares listed may not be accurate. FSA programs and PRF have different rules/criteria for determining who has a share in a crop. Therefore, the share reported on the 578 is probably correct for FSA program purposes, but may not be correct for PRF purposes.
Share Example 1
• Amy is owner/operator of 100 acres of hay land and 100 acres grazing land
• No leases
• Amy is only eligible producer for RI- and VI-PRF

Share Example 2
• Mike owns 100 acres grazing land
• Cash leases all acreage to Amy
• Amy is only eligible producer for RI- and VI-PRF
Share Example 3
- Amy is owner of 100 acres of grazing land
- Leases all 100 acres on per head/month basis to Mike
- Mike is only eligible producer for RI- and VI-PRF assuming no other livestock producers lease the same grazing acres during other portions of the year

Share Example 4
- John owns 100 acres grazing land
- Leases all acreage to Mike for 1/3 of calf crop – no other leases during the yr
- John =1/3 share, Mike = 2/3 share of 100 insured acres

NOTE: These are examples of where the share data reported to FSA on 578 may not match the shares used for PRF.
Share Example 5

- 10,000 acres of Federal land
- John has allocation for 1,000 head of livestock for May-September
- Other livestock owners have allocations totaling 3,000 head for May-September
- John has 25% share of the 10,000 acres
- Other livestock owners would have their respective share based on their number of livestock on the Federal land

This example could be changed to state land, private land or tribal land. The ownership of the land is not as important as the allocation and that multiple livestock producers have rights to the land at the same time.
Share Example 6

- Mike owns 100 acres of hay land
- Mike hays all 100 acres in June
- Mike leases all 100 acres to Amy to hay again in September
- Both Mike and Amy are eligible to participate in PRF
- Their combined share must equal 100%
  - Up to producers to determine respective share
Questions?

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