



Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Pilot Program

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The Risk Management Agency's (RMA) Pasture, Rangeland, Forage (PRF) Pilot Insurance Program is designed to provide insurance coverage on your perennial pasture, rangeland, or forage acres, based on precipitation, Rainfall Index. The PRF program was designed to help protect your operation from the risks of pasture, rangeland, forage losses resulting in increased costs for feed. The program provides protection while allowing you to insure only those acres that are important to your grazing program or hay operation.

New coverage available

RMA has introduced a new pricing methodology starting with the 2016 crop year that will better reflect your replacement costs for feed and the actual losses you experience. RMA is also offering an irrigated hay practice in some states that is designed to cover above normal irrigation expenses when normal precipitation shortfalls are observed. However, normal irrigation costs are not covered.

Availability

PRF is available in the 48 contiguous states with the exception of a few grids that cross international borders. The Rainfall Index replaces the Vegetation Index beginning in the 2016 crop year.

Coverage and claims

The Rainfall Index does not measure your direct production or loss. You are insuring a Rainfall Index that is expected to estimate your production. The Rainfall Index uses National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Climate Prediction Center (NOAA CPC) data and each grid is 0.25 degrees in latitude by 0.25 degrees in longitude, which translates to approximately 17 x 17 miles at the equator.

Important coverage date

Sales Closing Date: varies by region, consult actuarial data

You must select at least two, 2-month periods where precipitation is important to your operation. These periods are called index intervals. Your insurance payments are determined by using NOAA CPC data for the grid(s) and index interval(s) you have chosen to insure. When the final grid index falls below your "trigger grid index," you may receive an indemnity. This insurance coverage is for a single peril, lack of precipitation.

Coverage is based on the experience of the entire grid. It is not based on individual farms or ranches or specific weather stations in the general area. You can find more detailed information on the NOAA website at:

www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/monitoring_and_data/

The program is designed to allow maximum flexibility to meet the risk management needs of your operation. You are not required to insure all your acres, but you cannot exceed the total number of grazing or haying acres you operate.

RCIS, a leader in crop insurance, offers risk management protection in all 50 states through a national network of nearly 4,000 professionally trained and licensed agents. Talk to your RCIS agent today about a PRF policy. To locate an agent near you, go to RCIS.com.

Tools to help you with coverage decisions

To insure your grazing or hay production, ask your RCIS agent about RMA tools that can help you make choices about your coverage including:

- Coverage level
- Index intervals
- Irrigated practice
- Productivity factor
- Number of acres

Your RCIS agent can help you locate these tools on RMA's website:

- Grid ID Locator
- Historical indices tool
- Decision support tools

Coverage example

In this example, the policyholder has:

- Five properties which are covered by a Rainfall Index plan for PRF intended for grazing
- Total of 645 acres in two counties, but policyholder chooses not to insure all the acres
- Acreage is spread out over four separate grids (12345, 54321, 67890, 99876)
- 100% share in all the acreage

The policyholder's insurance choices:

- 90% coverage level
- 120% productivity factor
- Index interval 628 (April-May) and 631 (July-August)
- 60% of value for index interval 628
- 40% of value for index interval 631

Protection calculation

\$20.00	County base value per acre
x .90	Coverage level selected
x 1.20	Productivity factor selected
\$21.60	Dollar amount of protection per acre

Total policy protection

The total protection for the policy is \$10,692, the sum of the policy protection for each unit as outlined below.

Grid ID	Index Interval	Unit	Policy protection per unit
12345	628 (April-May)	0001-0000-0000	\$21.60 × 100.0 acres × 60% of value × 1.00 share = \$1,296.00
	631 (July-Aug)	0005-0000-0000	\$21.60 × 100.0 acres × 40% of value × 1.00 share = \$864.00
54321	628 (April-May)	0002-0000-0000	\$21.60 × 50.0 acres × 60% of value × 1.00 share = \$648.00
	631 (July-Aug)	0006-0000-0000	\$21.60 × 50.0 acres × 40% of value × 1.00 share = \$432.00
67890	628 (April-May)	0003-0000-0000	\$21.60 × 100.0 acres × 60% of value × 1.00 share = \$1,296.00
	631 (July-Aug)	0007-0000-0000	\$21.60 × 100.0 acres × 40% of value × 1.00 share = \$864.00
99876	628 (April-May)	0004-0000-0000	\$21.60 × 245.0 acres × 60% of value × 1.00 share = \$3,175.00
	631 (July-Aug)	0008-0000-0000	\$21.60 × 245.0 acres × 40% of value × 1.00 share = \$2,117.00
Total policy protection:			\$10,692

Not available in all states or counties. This is a general description of selected coverage provisions. The insurance policy should be consulted for detailed coverage provisions, restrictions and exclusions. Rural Community Insurance Agency, Inc., is a managing general agency representing two risk-bearing insurance companies. Coverage is underwritten in all states by Rural Community Insurance Company, Anoka, MN except in Montana where hail coverage is underwritten by Tri-County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, Malta, MT. Coverage type may vary by state. Rural Community Insurance Agency, Inc., D/B/A RCIS. RCIS is an equal opportunity provider.