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USDA Introduces More Crop Insurance Options for Forage Producers

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New Revenue Protection Options Available for Forage Producers in 12 States

(Washington, D.C., July 8, 2026) - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is expanding coverage options to add revenue protection for forage producers in 12 states, part of the Department's efforts to put Farmers First through improved crop insurance. Implemented by USDA's [Risk Management Agency](#) (RMA), the new coverage options guard against both yield losses and decline in price due to market changes.

"We closely collaborated with forage producers and industry stakeholders to develop this expanded policy to provide these coverage options in the areas where it is needed the most," said RMA Administrator Pat Swanson. "We are dedicated to delivering risk management tools that are responsive to the needs of American farmers and ranchers, and offering this enhanced product to forage producers only strengthens that commitment and continues to put Farmers First."

This insurance policy will be structured similarly to other Federal crop insurance revenue programs, replacing Actual Production History (APH) coverage for forage production in select counties located in California, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Washington, and Wisconsin beginning with the 2027 crop year.

Forage producers in eligible areas will have three plan options under this change:

- **Yield Protection (YP):** Provides coverage against loss in yield.
- **Revenue Protection (RP):** Provides coverage against loss in revenue due to a yield loss, price decline, or yield loss at higher prices.
- **Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusions (RP-HPE):** Provides coverage against loss in revenue due to a yield loss, decrease in the harvest price below the projected price, or both.

Interested producers in eligible areas should contact a [crop insurance agent](#) to enroll before the sales closing date of Sept. 30, 2026. The existing APH-based Forage Production insurance program will continue to be available to producers in all other states where the program is currently offered.

More Information

RMA secures the future of agriculture by providing world class risk management tools to rural America through Federal crop insurance and risk management education programs. RMA provides policies for more than 130 crops and is constantly working to adjust and create new policies based on producer needs and feedback.

[Contact a crop insurance agent](#) to see how Federal crop insurance can meet the specific needs of your operation. Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available online at the [RMA Agent Locator](#). Producers can learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at rma.usda.gov or by contacting their [RMA Regional Office](#). RMA's [Basics for Beginners](#) provides information for those new to crop insurance.

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