

For: KS, NE, ND, OK, SD, and TX State and County Offices

Pilot Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Insurance Plan and NAP Coverage

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Insurance Plan, a privately developed product approved by the FCIC Board under Federal Crop Insurance Act, Section 508(h), offers crop insurance protection for annually planted crops used for livestock feed or fodder and is available for the 2014 crop in Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas.

B Purpose

This notice notifies State and County Offices that:

- in 2014, RMA is offering a CAT level Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Insurance Plan to producers in Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas
- given the limited time available for producers in Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas to transition from NAP to the new RMA pilot CAT level Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Insurance Plan, an exception is being made for 2014 only, to allow NAP coverage to be offered for annually planted crops used for livestock feed or fodder
- for 2015, since CAT level coverage will be offered in Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas for annually planted forage crops used for livestock feed or fodder, **NAP coverage will not be offered** for these crops used for livestock feed and fodder.

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2 2014 CAT Level Coverage and Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Insurance Plan

A Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Insurance Plan

RMA's new pilot annual forage policy uses a rainfall index to provide coverage for annually planted forage crops at CAT and buy-up levels. The plan:

- is being piloted in Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas
- covers 2014 crops planted annually that are used for livestock feed or fodder.

The sales closing date for this insurance is July 15 for crops planted in the fall, and December 15 for crops planted in the spring.

Interested producers should contact a crop insurance agent for further information. A list of agents can be found on RMA's web site at www.rma.usda.gov/.

B RMA Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Insurance Plan Versus NAP Coverage

The statute limits NAP to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT is not available and is produced for food or fiber. 1-NAP, subparagraph 1 B provides procedure outlining that NAP is limited to only commercial crops or agricultural commodities for which CAT is not available that are produced for food or fiber.

For 2014 only, given the limited time available for producers in Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas to transition from NAP to the new RMA pilot CAT level Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Insurance Plan, an exception is being made to allow NAP coverage to be offered for annually planted crops used for livestock feed or fodder.

C NAP Crops and Intended Uses Ineligible for 2015 Coverage

For 2015, NAP coverage will not be available in Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas for annually planted crops used for livestock feed or fodder that includes, but is not limited to, small grains, forage sorghums, mixed forages, turnips, and other annually planted crops with the following intended uses:

- "Fg"
- "Gc"
- "Gs"
- "Gz"
- "Hy"
- "Sg".

Note: State and County Offices should contact the RMA regional office if they have questions about whether CAT level coverage is available for an annual forage crop and its intended use under the Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Insurance Plan.

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3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices identified in this notice shall ensure that County Offices:

- are immediately notified of the contents of this notice
- immediately publicize the contents of this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- for 2014 only, for producers in Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas allow NAP coverage to be offered for annually planted crops used for livestock feed or fodder in these 6 States
- publicize for 2015, NAP coverage for annual planted forage crops in Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas used for livestock feed or fodder that includes, but is **not** limited to, small grains, forage sorghums, and mixed forages intended for forage, green chop, grazing, green manure, hay, and silage **will not be available**.