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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **November 15, 2013:** Pasture, Rangeland, Forage insurance (PRF)
- **November 15, 2013:** Apiculture
- **November 15, 2013:** Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) acreage reporting deadline for forage crops including grazing
- **December 1, 2013:** NAP application deadline for fall seeded crops and forage

Risk Management Strategies for Livestock Producers

Livestock and bee producers have several risk management options to manage forage production risk. Given recent periods of extreme drought and price variability, managers might consider addressing forage risks using one or more insurance tools. Programs are available and can help protect against serious production losses, while helping to guarantee revenue levels.


Pasture, rangeland, forage (PRF) and Apiculture insurance protect against a decline in an index. The index is designed to serve as a proxy for pasture, range, and hay production in a specific area of land or grid.

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Program (NAP), administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is designed to provide low cost catastrophic loss coverage to producers when federal crop insurance is not available.

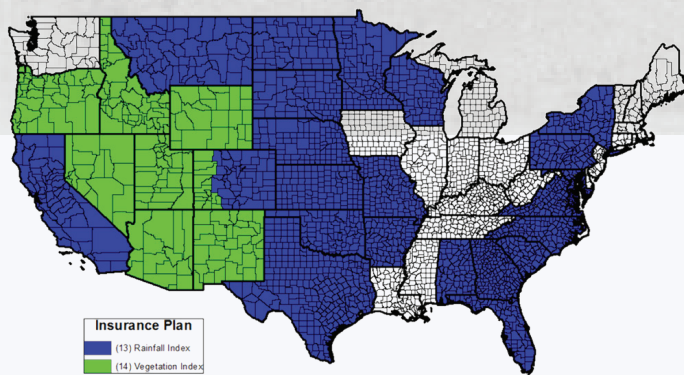
NAP coverage may be used separately but not in conjunction with PRF and Apiculture insurance to provide protection against low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting that occur due to natural disasters for a typical ranch such as: grains planted for hay (and not insured as grain), native (grass) hay and certain mixed forages, and grazingland.

Coverage begins 30 days following sign-up. NAP covers losses of 50 percent or greater of expected production, at 55 percent of the market price (set by the state committee).

The 2008 Farm Bill required that livestock and apiculture producers enroll under either NAP coverage or crop insurance for all pasture, rangeland and native hay forage crops to qualify for certain disaster assistance programs; including the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP). These requirements are expected under the new Farm Bill (or extension of the 2008 Bill) but are uncertain until new legislation is passed by Congress.

Recent bulletins that outline how these programs may work for operators include: "Production Risk Management Options for Wyoming Ranches: Crop Insurance and Federal Disaster Programs" and "Risk Management Programs for Honey Bee Producers in Wyoming" and may be found in the Western Risk Management Library located under  at <http://riskmgt.uwagec.org>.

More Information is available for the programs mention in this article on the Internet at- www.rightrisk.org; www.rma.usda.gov; or www.fsa.usda.gov.



RISK MANAGEMENT PROFILE

VI-PRF pilot insurance minimizes feed risk for Z-F

Early fall 2010 on the Z-F Ranch found owners Bob and Betsy Zomer assessing risk management strategies for their cow-calf and yearling operation. The Zomers are situated on 12,000 acres of pasture and 200 acres of native hay in Fremont County, Wyoming. Both husband and wife were concerned about the coming production year. This year's late summer and early fall had been dry, and they were worried it would carry over into next year.

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HIGHLIGHTED COURSE

The Pasture, Rangeland, Forage (PRF) Pilot Insurance Program course available at RightRisk.org offers a step-by-step approach to learn more about PRF insurance and how PRF can be applied. The course includes audio and interactive features, while example farm profiles demonstrate application to real-world examples.



Course materials provide maps to assist in first deciding the type of PRF insurance available in the area. Links to appropriate Web pages help determine the grid identification numbers for individual grids. The next two sections in the course go into greater depth on Vegetative and Rainfall Index policies.

A section of the PRF course explains how to go online to the RMA website and make the most of the cost estimator. Finally, users are encouraged to compare their own yield/historical experience for their grids with that presented in the online decision tool/cost estimator Web pages.

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