

## SALES CLOSING DATE FOR FORAGE SEEDING COVERAGE FAST APPROACHING – March 15

Farmers invest a significant amount of time, energy, and money in new seedings of alfalfa and forage crops each year. In order to protect that investment, farmers are reminded of the fast-approaching deadline to apply for forage seeding coverage for many areas of the country. Current policyholders and uninsured farmers must make all of their decisions regarding crop insurance coverage for spring-seeded crops before the sales closing date of **March 15**, the last day to buy federal crop insurance (*coverage for fall-seeded crops is July 31*). The sales closing date of **March 15** applies to forage seeding coverage for *spring-seeded crops* in select counties in the following states:

Colorado	Maryland	New Jersey	South Dakota
Idaho	Michigan	New York	Vermont
Iowa	Minnesota	North Dakota	Washington
Kansas	Montana	Oregon	Wisconsin
Maine	Nebraska	Pennsylvania	Wyoming

Forage seeding coverage is a dollar value policy which establishes a set price per acre for the forage seeding. This value is dependent upon the level of coverage selected and it changes every year. The policy varies slightly among states in which it's available. RMA's online [Cost Estimator](#) can provide insurance premium amount estimates (for *Commodity*, enter *Forage Seeding*). To see which counties are available, visit the [Actual Information browser](#) (for *Commodity*, enter *Forage Seeding*). Coverage protects against adverse weather conditions, such as hail, frost, freeze, wind, drought and excess moisture; failure of irrigation water supply; fire, if due to natural causes; plant disease and insects; or wildlife.

Federal crop insurance is critical to the farm safety net. It helps farmers manage risks and contributes to the strength of the rural economy. Farmers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2023 forage seeding policy. Agents can help farmers determine what policy works best for their operation and review existing coverage to ensure the policy meets their needs.

Federal crop insurance policies are sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance companies and agents. To find a crop insurance agent near you, use RMA's Agent Locator page by [clicking here](#). For more information, visit [www.rma.usda.gov](http://www.rma.usda.gov).