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Risk Management Agency

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2011 INSURANCE FACT SHEET

ALASKA State

Spokane Regional Office

USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA)

Farm and Foreign AG Services is continuing its efforts of creating more awareness throughout the agriculture community about managing risks on the farm.

RMA Mission

Provide and support a cost effective means of managing risk for Agriculture producers in order to improve the economic stability of agriculture.

Agriculture's Primary Areas of Risk

USDA has identified 5 primary areas of risk, some may include:

Production - partial or total loss of production or quality.

Marketing - receiving a fair market price for crops.

Financial - balancing farm records or meeting financial obligations.

Legal - possibly harming a neighbor's crop when applying herbicides or not obtaining adequate farm property and liability insurance coverage.

Human Resources - not having an estate plan in order, that in the event of something happening, the farm can continue with the least amount of disruption.

USDA Risk Management Tools

The following USDA/RMA crop insurance plans are designed as a risk management tool to deal with the volatility in agriculture by protecting a producer and landowner's income to achieve greater financial security.

**The following crops are insurable in
ALASKA STATE:**

Barley, Cabbage, Forage Production, Nursery, Oats, Potatoes and Wheat. Whole farm policy AGR-Lite

Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI)

Federally subsidized and insures against many weather-related losses on 130 + crops, nationally. Choose from 50-75 percent (85percent in some areas) of yield, and 55-100 percent of price. For Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT), a producer must pay \$300 for each eligible crop insurance contract in each county; and the administrative fee will be billed on the date contained in the Special Provisions. For coverage at levels in excess of CAT, the administrative fee is \$30 per crop per county.

Administrative fees for CAT and additional levels can be waived for Limited Resource Farmers.

COMBO Products

A new Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions and related crop provisions will be the basis for insurance coverage starting with the 2011 crop year. The new policy combines the Actual Production History (APH), Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC), Revenue Assurance (RA) and Income Protection (IP) policies into a single policy.

The Basic Provisions will provide for the first time, both yield and revenue protection policies for barley and wheat in Alaska. **Sales Closing Date: March 15, 2011**

- **Revenue Protection Plan:** provides protection against production loss, price decline or increase or a combination of both.
- **Yield Protection Plan:** provides protection against production loss for which revenue protection is available but is not elected.

Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite (AGR-Lite)

Provides protection against low revenue due to unavoidable natural disasters and market fluctuations that affect income during the insurance year. Most farm-raised crops, animals, and animal products are eligible for protection. AGR-Lite also establishes

revenue as a common denominator for the insurance of all agricultural commodities. The maximum liability of coverage is \$1 million. Available in all Alaska boroughs and census areas, except North Slope and Northwest Arctic. *Sales closing date: 1/31 current policy holders, 3/15 new applications.*

Causes of Loss

Varies by crop and policy. In general, MPC I covers unavoidable loss of production. Examples are: drought, excess moisture, frost, freezes, other adverse weather conditions, insects, disease, wildlife, etc.

Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Production protection program for growers producing crops for which there is currently no insurance program available. For specific details, contact USDA Farm Service Agency.

Key Dates (dates listed are standard dates without regard to holidays/weekends)

Alaska Sales Closing Dates

Fairbanks North Star:

Forage Production – 9/30; Barley, Potatoes – 3/15

Kenai Peninsula:

Forage Production – 9/30;

Matanuska-Susitna:

Forage Production – 9/30; Barley, Cabbage, Potatoes, Spring Wheat – 3/15

Southeast Fairbanks:

Forage Production – 9/30; Barley, Oats, Potatoes, Spring Wheat – 3/15

Valdez-Cordova:

Forage Production – 9/30; Barley – 3/15

Nursery Crop – Please contact your insurance agent.

AGR-Lite – 1/31 current policy holders; 3/15 new applications

Cancellation date ALL policies (including CATASTROPHIC [CAT] level coverage) automatically renew each crop year unless insureds cancel their insurance by the date shown in the crop provisions.

Alaska Production Reporting Dates

Earlier of Acreage Reporting Date or 45 days after cancellation date. All insureds must have reported or updated their APH to the insurance provider. If reports are not received timely, yields will be assigned which may result in lower approved yields. For certain crops, late reporting may void insurability.

Alaska Acreage Reporting Dates

Fairbanks North Star:

Forage Production – 12/15; Barley & Potatoes – 6/30

Kenai Peninsula:

Forage Production – 12/15

Matanuska-Susitna:

Forage Production – 12/15; Wheat, Barley, Cabbage & Potatoes – 6/30

Southeast Fairbanks:

Forage Production – 12/15; Barley, Oats, Potatoes & Wheat – 6/30

Valdez-Cordova:

Forage Production – 12/15; Barley – 6/30

(Producers must have reported their acres (both insurable and uninsurable) by this date. Acreage not reported timely, may only be insured with special approval.)

Where to Purchase

All MPC I, including CAT coverage insurance policies, are available from private insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers or at the RMA website: <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

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