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Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Insurance: Changes for 2016 and Beyond

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors (Board) recently approved the following modifications to the Pasture, Rangeland, Forage (PRF) pilot program beginning with the 2016 crop year:

- Replace the Vegetation Index-PRF (VI-PRF) with the Rainfall Index (RI-PRF) program in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming;
- Expand RI-PRF to 19 states;
- Revise the pricing methodology for both haying and grazing practices;
- Add an irrigated practice for haying in specific states to address added irrigation costs;
- Add an irrigated and non-irrigated practice reporting requirements on the acreage report; and
- Remove the RI capping process for PRF only. The capping process remains for Apiculture (API) and Annual Forage

Producers currently enrolled in the VI-PRF pilot are eligible for the RI-PRF pilot. Qualified producers who were enrolled in the VI-PRF pilot programs in 2015 and who enroll in the RI-PRF pilot for 2015 will be considered carry-over insureds and will not have a break in continuity for insurance coverage purposes.

Producers who previously purchased VI-PRF must complete a new application prior to the sales closing date if they wish to obtain RI-PRF. Producers must use the Grid ID Locator found on the RMA web site at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/pasturerangeforage> to establish the grid id for the RI-PRF program.

Sign up for RI-PRF ends with the sales closing date: November 15, 2015. The coverage period follows over the 2016 calendar year.

To learn more about programs offered by the Risk Management Agency see: [Risk Management Agency](#) or contact a local crop insurance agent.