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## [Crop Insurance Deadline Nears in Maryland](#)

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### **Forage Production Producers Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon**

RALEIGH, N.C., Sept. 1, 2016 – The USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Maryland forage production producers that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2017 crop year is September 30, 2016. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing policies also have until September 30 to do so.

Crop insurance provides protection against crop production losses due to natural perils such as drought, hail, and excessive moisture. Forage production insurance is available in Allegany, Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, and Washington counties. Forage production insurance covers pure alfalfa and alfalfa grass mixtures. The price election for the 2017 crop year is \$180 per ton.

Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2017 crop year, including insurance for forage production, which may be eligible for coverage under a written agreement. Crop insurance coverage decisions must be made on or before the sales closing date.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the RMA [Agent Locator](#). Producers can use the RMA [Cost Estimator](#) to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at [the RMA website](#).

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