

Background: RI- PRF (Rainfall Index Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage) and VI-PRF (Vegetative Index

Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage) Pilot Policies provides producers the ability to purchase insurance for losses of forage produced for grazing or mechanically harvested for hay.

PRF does “not” offer coverage for seed.

CAT coverage is not available under the pilot PRF pilot programs. (CAT-Catastrophic coverage; minimum coverage level available under the Federal crop insurance program. CAT coverage is 50 percent of expected yield, indemnified at 55 percent of the price election.)

Section 196(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Act) provides that commercial crops or other agricultural commodities, except livestock, which is produced for food or fiber for which CAT coverage is “not” available through RMA (Risk Management Agency) shall be an eligible crop under NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) currently provides benefits for forage crop losses; therefore, NAP will continue to be available to producers in those counties covered by the pilot PRF programs.

Section 196(h)(3) of the 1996 Act provides that producers who are eligible to receive benefits under NAP, and are also eligible to receive assistance for the same loss under any other program administered by the secretary, shall be required to elect whether to receive benefits under NAP or under the other program, but not both.

Payments for the same loss, under the statute, would be payments for which there is any duplicate coverage, such as that it would cover all or part of the same period on all or part of the same acres.

For 2011 and subsequent years, a producer can obtain either RI-PRF or VI-PRF policy and NAP coverage on the same acres for the same intended use, and still remain eligible to earn a

PRF indemnity payment and NAP payment on the same acres for the same intended use.

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