

November 15 Sales Closing Date for Rainfall Index-based Insurance Programs: Apiculture (API) and Pasture, Rangeland, Forage (PRF)

Producers are reminded that November 15, 2017 is the sales closing date for two Rainfall Index-based crop insurance programs administered by the USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA): Apiculture (API) and Pasture, Rangeland, Forage (PRF). API insurance utilizes various indexing systems to assess plant growth and vigor correlated to honey production; the API program provides protection for honey producers' honey, pollen collection, wax, and breeding stock. The PRF program is designed to give forage and livestock producers the ability to buy protection for losses of forage produced for haying and/or grazing using a rainfall index as the basis of insurance. Program availability for both API and PRF has recently been expanded to include all 48 contiguous states. Full program information is available on RMA's web pages for API (<https://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/ri-vi/apiculture.html>) and PRF (<https://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/pasturangerforage/>).

Producers can use online tools to view historical rainfall index values and evaluate how API (<http://maps.agforceusa.com>) and/or PRF (<https://prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/prf>) would have performed previously in their area prior to making purchase decisions. Interested producers are encouraged to visit with their crop insurance agent to learn additional program details. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the RMA Agent Locator (www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent).

For more information about risk management and Federal crop insurance programs or to locate a licensed crop insurance agent, please visit www.RMA.USDA.gov.

