

Deadline for Pasture, Range, Forage Insurance Program approaching

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The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is reminding producers the deadline for participating in the federal Pasture Rangeland Forage (PRF) Insurance program for 2013 is November 15.

This program is a risk management product of the federal United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency (RMA).

"With uncertainty about drought conditions next season, we want producers to be aware of the various risk management tools that are available," Nebraska Agriculture Director Greg Ibach said. "While Pasture Rangeland Forage Insurance may not be a good fit for all operations, it is important that farmers and ranchers educate themselves about it, so they can make informed decisions.

"Pasture Rangeland Forage Insurance is a relatively new program that wasn't available during our last widespread drought," Ibach said.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension has published educational information on the program, including the creation of a short webinar.

It can be accessed through the UNL Beef website at <http://beef.unl.edu/web/cattleproduction/prfinsurance>.

Also producers can visit the USDA RMA Pasture, to this Rangeland, Forage page at www.rma.usda.gov/policies/pasturerangeforage/. This page includes a link to a decision support tool.