

Selecting Forage Insurance with Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation.

The Forage Insurance Program offered through Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) is for producers who rely on forage for seed, sale or feed. There are a number of crops insurable under this program including tame hay, dehydrated alfalfa, sweetclover and greenfeed. Additional choices such as Establishment Benefit, Forage Diversification and a Timothy Hay option are also made available under this program.

SCIC provides coverage choices to help build custom-fit insurance for any farm. Producers can customize their forage insurance to their operation by selecting low, base, variable or in-season price options. The variable and in-season price options can help producers manage price fluctuations that occur throughout and after the growing season. Producers can choose from a wide range of coverage level options available. These options include 50, 60, 70 and 80 per cent.

Regardless of your operation, SCIC has several options that meet your forage insurance needs. Alfalfa seed may be insured under a specific yield-loss option available through SCIC's Multi-Peril Program. Red Clover, rye grass, millet and other forage seed crops are eligible for coverage through the Diversification Option.

The Forage Establishment Benefit Option is available to protect newly seeded forage acres intended for hay, grazing or seed production against the risk of an establishment failure. This stand-alone option is not linked to any yield-loss insurance. This option can also be selected for forage acres seeded between October 15 and June 20, however acres grazed in the year of seeding are not eligible for coverage.

The Forage Diversification Option is available for any forage feed crops that are not insurable under the basic forage insurance program. This is an area yield program. Your coverage and any claim calculations are based on insured barley acres in your risk zone.

Finally, the Forage Rainfall Insurance Program offers insurance on native and tame grazing acres. This program protects pastureland in the event that seasonal precipitation is below the long term average. This program is based on historical weather data pulled from 131 weather stations located across the province. Claims are triggered when the April to July seasonal precipitation falls below the long term normal for the selected station based on monthly weightings selected by the producer.

If you would like more information about forage insurance, visit a Saskatchewan Crop Insurance office or saskcropinsurance.com. The deadline to sign up, renew or cancel forage insurance is March 31, 2015.

2015 Insured Prices

Crop	Base Price (\$/T)	Low Price (\$/T)
Alfalfa	126	107
Alfalfa/Grass	99	84
Grass	99	84
Dehy	50	43
Sweetclover	95	81
Greenfeed	95	81
Timothy Hay	183	156

Forage Establishment Benefit Coverage per Acre	
Alfalfa and Red Clover	\$55
Alfalfa/Grass	\$55
Grass	\$55
Native Forage	\$75
Sweetclover	\$55