

NEWS RELEASE

USDA Risk Management Agency • Topeka Regional Office • 3401 Van Buren Street, Suite 2
Topeka, KS 66611 • (785) 266-0248 • rsoks@rma.usda.gov • <http://www.rma.usda.gov/go/roks>

Release No. 1-08

Contact:
Rebecca Davis (785) 266-0248

The Silage Sorghum Pilot Crop Insurance Program Announcement of Listening Sessions

TOPEKA, KANSAS, January 18, 2008—In 2005, the USDA's Risk Management Agency supported the development of a pilot crop insurance program to assist forage sorghum producers to cover production risks for sorghum varieties grown for silage production. The Pilot Silage Sorghum Program covers 37 counties in western Kansas and two counties in southeast Colorado. The Risk Management Agency has hired Promar International, an agricultural consulting firm, to evaluate the program and recommend whether it should be modified and continued as a pilot, terminated, or converted to a permanent program.

Promar is holding listening sessions in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas, and in Lamar, Prowers County, Colorado in the last week of January 2008. Come tell them your views on the Silage Sorghum Pilot Program, and what it would take to make these insurance products appropriate for western Kansas and southeast Colorado agriculture. The times and locations are as follows:

Wednesday, January 30, 9-11 MST for growers, 1-3 MST for agents, adjusters, extension, bankers, farm advisers, etc., at the Best Western Cow Palace Inn, 1301 N Main Street, Lamar, Colorado, Telephone: 719-336-7753.

Thursday, January 31, 9-11 CST for growers, 1-3 CST for agents, adjusters, extension bankers, farm advisers, etc., at the Finney County 4H Building, 309 Lake Ave., Garden City, Kansas, Telephone: 620-272-3641.

For further details, contact Nick Young at Promar International: 703-739-9090 x111 or by email at nyoung@promarinternational.com.

#