

2008 MINNESOTA ACTUARIAL UPDATE

1/31, 4/30, 6/30, & 8/31 FILINGS

1/31 MN Crops: Nursery

4/30 MN Programs: LGM Cattle, LRP Fed Cattle, LRP Feeder Cattle, LRP Lamb, LGM Swine, LRP Swine

6/30 MN Crops: APH Forage Production, Cultivated Wild Rice

8/31 MN Crops/Programs: AGR-Lite, Apples, GRP Forage Production

COUNTY PROGRAM EXPANSION: LGM Swine and LRP Lamb were added to all counties.

COUNTY PROGRAM DELETIONS: None

DATES:

- AGR-Lite: Contract change date changed to August 31 by the policy. Used to be November 30.

RATES:

- APPLES: No changes to rates.
- CULTIVATED WILD RICE: Rates were reviewed. Rates went down in four counties and up in Aitkin and Beltrami counties.
- FORAGE PRODUCTION APH and GRP: Rate review done for APH Forage Production with varying rate changes noted; please check county documents.
- NURSERY: No changes to rates.

STATEMENTS:

- NURSERY: Two new statements added to SPOIs: "Omitted Plants" and "Missing Sizes", and the 2007 statement "Unreported Units" was modified and renamed "Unreported Plant Types" for 2008.

PRACTICES: No changes

TYPES: No changes

T-YIELDS:

- CULTIVATED WILD RICE: T-yields were reviewed with three counties getting T-yield increases and three counties having decreases to the T-yield.
- FORAGE PRODUCTION: T-yield review done with largest increases in southeastern Minnesota counties.

MAPS:

- Changed Rules Page headers to new GIS format.
- Added a statement to all rules pages that have high risk areas with add-on rates.

OTHER:

- Revised Livestock Gross Margin policy materials are discussed in the Informational Memorandum PM-07-017 found at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/bulletins/rd/2007/07-017.pdf>
- APPLES: The plan code for Apples was changed from Plan 86 (GYC) to Plan 90 (APH). The Coverage and Rates table looks like apples is a continuously rated crop but a zero exponent has been used, so Apples is still a flat-rated crop.
- APPLES: Change in plan code to Plan 90 has caused the option factors for Fresh Option to be changed to an add-on rate that is shown in the "Additional Coverage, High Risk, and Map Area Rates" table.
- FORAGE PRODUCTION APH: The 80% and 85% coverage levels have been added to all counties.
- Hail and Fire Exclusion Factors have been changed for Cultivated Wild Rice, APH Forage Production and Wheat.

NOTE: *This is not an official document. For official changes, refer to the 2008 Crop Year Summary of Changes and Actuarial Documents for these crops*

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