

INSURANCE

Pasture Days Insurance

Purpose

Pasture Days Insurance provides insurance coverage for livestock producers for losses due to weather-related grazing shortfalls during the summer pasture period.

Eligibility

Pasture Days Insurance is available to all producers in Manitoba that:

- have an active AgrilInsurance contract, but do not have Pasture selected for insurance in combination with Forage Insurance; and
- have a minimum total of 30 'Animal Units' (AU) of eligible livestock types on pasture

• An '**Animal Unit**' (AU) is the number of livestock equivalent to a mature cow.

1 Mature cow (open cow)	= 1.0 AU
1 Bull, bred cow or cow/calf pair	= 1.3 AU
1 yearling calf, steer or heifer	= 0.6 AU

Sheep, Goats, Bison, Horses, Donkeys, Mules, Elk, Deer, Llamas and Alpacas are also considered eligible livestock. Please contact your local insurance agent for exact AU values for each eligible animal type.

Coverage

Coverage for Pasture Days Insurance is based on historic grazing period data obtained from Manitoba Community Pastures. New participants receive the historic grazing period (in 2020 it is 135 days) as their coverage, which is adjusted based on their actual experience for subsequent years. The grazing period includes the time livestock spent on actual pasture and does not include grazing hay fields or stubble fields. An individual 10-year average will be developed for future years coverage based on each producer's individual annual grazing period and animal units on pasture.

The coverage level for Pasture Days Insurance is set at 90% of normal AU Days, meaning a claim is paid if the actual grazing period is less than 90% of the insured's calculated AU Days.

Dollar coverage is set at \$1.75 per Animal Unit for each AU Day.

Example: A producer intends to pasture livestock totalling 190 Animal Units on 800 acres of pasture. With no individual 10-year average, the 2020 provincial average of 135 days is used.

Animal Unit Days:

190 AU x 135 days = 25,650 AU days

Pasture Guarantee:

25,650 x 90% = 23,085 AU days

Dollar Coverage:

23,085 AU days x \$1.75 = \$40,398.75

In this example, the producer has coverage for 122 days (90% of 135 days). If the livestock are put on pasture May 15, coverage would last until September 14.

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Claims

If a producer provides supplemental feed or removes livestock before the end of the coverage period due to lack of pasture available for grazing, he or she must advise the MASC insurance office immediately. Claims will be paid after November 30 when the pasture coverage ends.

An indemnity is issued on a producer's claim when the actual grazing period is less than 90% of the derived Animal Unit Days (23,085 in example). The producer will be paid \$1.75 per Animal Unit for every shortfall day.

Example: Using information from the previous example, if the producer informs MASC that livestock were removed from pasture after 101 days due to a shortage of pasture. The indemnity calculation would be as follows:

Actual Animal Unit Days:

190 AU x 101 days = 19,190 AU days

Pasture Shortfall:

23,085 - 19,190 = 3,895 AU days

Indemnity:

3,895 AU days x \$1.75 = \$6,816.25

Costs

Premium costs are shared 40 percent by the producer, 36 percent by the Government of Canada and 24 percent by the Province of Manitoba.

Premium is calculated as follows:

Expected number of Grazing Days x Animal Units x Coverage Level x Insurable Value x Premium Rate (3.0%)

Example:

135 x 190 x 90% x \$1.75 x 3.0% = \$1,211.96

\$1,211.96 x 40% (Producer Premium) = \$484.79

For more information contact your local insurance agent or visit masc.mb.ca

Other Program Details

Coverage begins when your cattle are put on pasture, but in any event, no sooner than May 1.

Producer Reporting Requirements

The livestock numbers, pasture acres, and the date livestock were placed on pasture must be reported on a **Pasture Days Spring Declaration by June 30**.

A producer must inform MASC immediately of any changes to pasture acres or livestock numbers that occur throughout the year, or if supplemental feed is provided to livestock on pasture. The livestock winter feeding date and date the livestock are removed from pasture must be reported on a **Pasture Days Fall Declaration by November 30**.

Important Dates and Deadlines

March 31 is the last day to apply for Pasture Days Insurance.

May 1 is the earliest day Pasture Days Insurance coverage will begin.

June 30 is the last day to report livestock numbers and pasture acres, and advise when the livestock were placed on pasture by filing a Pasture Days Spring Declaration.

November 30: Pasture Days Insurance coverage ends (if winter feeding hasn't already started). Also the deadline to file the Pasture Days Fall Declaration.

Note: Reports received and accepted by MASC after the deadlines provided will be assessed a \$100 late fee. If MASC determines a Pasture Days Insurance indemnity is payable, the insured will be charged an additional late claim fee of 25% of the indemnity (maximum \$1000).

Note: This information sheet contains general information only and does not form part of the AgrilInsurance Contract between an insured and MASC. In all cases, the AgrilInsurance Contract or the Program Terms and Conditions shall prevail.

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