

## Crop Insurance Options for Alfalfa

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Crop Insurance Options for Alfalfa will help farmers better understand the variety of crop insurance options available to help mitigate their production risk. Programs discussed include the Forage Seeding, Forage Production APH, and the Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage programs.



Glenda has been a crop insurance agent for 30 years. She lives in McCook County, SD, which is west of Sioux Falls. Most of her crop insurance customers are located in a 60 mile radius. She is also a member of the Crop Insurance Professional Agents (CIPA) and works on the regulatory committee for that group. Glenda farms with her two nephews and son. She has been working with NAFA for about 10 years on improving crop insurance coverage for forage seeding and forage production. Glenda has several customers whose main crop is alfalfa.



Josh Schmidt has always had a passion for growing hay. His wife and 6 kids operate Schmidt Brothers Farm, LLC., producing forage products on their farms located at Sioux Falls & Avon, SD. Over the years Josh has been actively involved in the South Dakota Cattleman's Association and works steadfastly at procuring feed sources for many local feedlots & dairys. Josh's main focus is producing the best quality forages, including dairy hay and orchard grass mixes.



John & Karen Ruedinger started dairying full time in 1977 with 50 cows and 300 acres in partnership with parents Paul and Delores Ruedinger. They grew the business to 100 cows and 600 acres and, in 1996, formed a family corporation Ruedinger Farms Inc. In 1996, Karen and John started the expansion process to the current 1,500 cows and 1,550 acres (corn, soybeans, alfalfa, wheat). In April of 2015, daughter Jamie and her husband David Zappa joined the dairy business. David and Jamie will be the fourth generation to operate our dairy business.