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Pacific Northwest Livestock Producers have Additional Risk Management Choices

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, June 5, 2007 ---- Risk Management Agency (RMA) Spokane Regional Office announces the availability of the Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) program in all counties in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. LRP plans of insurance include Fed Cattle, Feeder Cattle and Swine.

RMA is committed to providing farmers and ranchers with quality risk management products, tools, and information. Dave Paul, Director of RMA's Spokane Regional Office stated, "The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 changed-the-landscape for agricultural insurance by providing the opportunity for RMA to offer livestock insurance products through the Federal crop insurance program."

LRP insurance provides coverage to protect the policyholder against downward price risk during the insurance period. LRP covers a change in price peril. It does not include any other peril (e.g., mortality, condemnation, physical damage, disease, individual marketing decisions, local price deviations, or any other cause of loss).

There are two steps involved in obtaining LRP coverage: 1) producers must submit an application. Once the application is approved, the livestock crop insurance provider will assign a policy number; and 2) the producer activates coverage at any time by applying for a Specific Coverage Endorsement (SCE). No insurance coverage is provided until the producer submits an SCE. Insurance will attach immediately upon RMA's confirmation of acceptance of the SCE.

Premiums are due on the day LRP insurance endorsement is purchased and includes a 13 percent USDA subsidy of the LRP premium. To determine a premium, the insured will select the appropriate insurance period corresponding to the expected sell or slaughter date; choose a coverage price based on the chosen coverage period; provide the number of livestock expected to be ready for sale or slaughter at the end date and the target weight at time of slaughter; and the percentage share of ownership in livestock to be insured.

Sales for the 2008 crop year will begin July 1, 2007 and continue through June 30, 2008 (or until the maximum underwriting capacity (as established by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation) is reached). Cattle and swine producers are encouraged to contact a local livestock insurance agent to learn additional details. Federal crop insurance program policies are sold and delivered solely through private crop and livestock insurance companies. A list of livestock crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers throughout the U.S. or at the RMA Web site address: <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

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