

# MONTANA HAIL INSURANCE PROGRAM

SERVING MONTANA PRODUCERS FOR OVER 100 YEARS



## 2017 Crop Year Annual Report

The State Hail Insurance Program was enacted in 1917 to provide hail insurance to crop producers at actual cost and thereby improve their financial position and the economic wellbeing of the industry and the state. The State Hail Insurance Program is self-supporting through a proprietary fund and reserve established through premiums paid by participating producers. The State Hail Board sets premium rates on a county basis to reflect the actual cost of the insurance. The State Hail Insurance Program insures producers against hail damage on crops grown in Montana, up to the maximum coverage set by statute. Maximum coverage for most non-irrigated crops is \$75/acre and for most irrigated crops is \$114/acre. High value crops are insured at various rates. Please call the state hail office for quotes. Premium rates vary according to the zone you farm in and may range from 5.25% to 11.5% of total available coverage.

### Hail Insurance Protects Your Crop Investment

When your crops are established, we encourage you to call the Hail program office at the Montana State Department of Agriculture to purchase your State Hail Insurance.

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### 2017 CROP YEAR

2017 was one of the hard year's for Montana Agriculture. With record drought and then fires our producers struggled to grow and bring in a crop.

For those producers with crops to insure State Hail Insurance was a valued form of protection and continues to be a reliable form of risk management.

### 101 YEAR SUMMARY

Total Risk Written	\$2,042,644,010
Premium Charge	\$177,884,877
Amount of Losses Paid	\$134,797,186
Policies Issued	202,030
Acres Insured	84,053,486
Average Acres Per Policy	416
Number of Losses Paid	45,695
Loss Ratio	75.80%
Total Refunds Paid	\$32,466,126

## Montana Hail Program 2017 Operations Report

As required by Montana Code Annotated a report of the 2017 season is hereby submitted.

### Damage Summary for 2017

Acres Crops	Damaged	Losses Paid
Barley	2,190	\$99,595
Canola	383	\$12,727
Chickpeas	569	\$24,488
Durum Wheat	1,166	\$15,987
Hay	112	\$4,140
Lentils	3,633	\$169,957
Oats	55	\$2,104
Peas	3,364	\$161,829
Spring Wheat	8,269	\$258,370
Winter Wheat	9,827	\$216,648
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29,568</b>	<b>\$965,846</b>

### 2017 BUSINESS SUMMARY

Total Risk Written . . . . . \$37,318,299  
 Premium Charge . . . . . \$3,924,561  
 Amount of Losses Paid . . . . . \$965,846  
 Policies Issued . . . . . 654  
 Acres Insured . . . . . 572,420  
 Average Acres Per Policy. . . . . 875  
 Number of Losses Paid. . . . . 80  
 Loss Ratio. . . . . 24.61%

### Total Acres Insured — 2017

Crops	Acres
Alfalfa Seed	267
Barley	39,973
Beans	238
Camelina	636
Canola	5,113
Chickpeas	19,390
Corn	1,845
Durum Wheat	18,241
Falx	1,770
Hay	2,499
Lentils	46,048
Millet	652
Mustard	9,667
Oats	1,819
Peas	39,991
Safflower	1,823
Sainfoin	12
Soybeans	707
Speltz	150
Spring Wheat	156,137
Sunflower	304
Triticale	271
Winter Wheat	224,867
<b>Totals</b>	<b>572,420</b>

### Operating Expenses

**11/1/2016—10/31/2017**

Personnel Services. . . . . \$214,702  
 Operating Expenses. . . . . \$105,055  
 Indirect . . . . . \$100,614

**Total Operating Expenses. \$420,371**

### Investments

Amount Invested	Interest Rate*	Interest Received
\$1,356,370	.08%	\$12,644

*\*Annualized interest rate for average amounts in Short and Long Term Investments.*