

# MONTANA HAIL INSURANCE

SERVING MONTANA PRODUCERS FOR OVER 100 YEARS



## 2018 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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#### 2018 CROP YEAR

2018 was a rebound year for Montana producers. While portions of the state were still hampered by drought, others saw a significant increase in production. Spring Wheat was the most insured crop with 291,268 acres. State Hail Insurance serves as a valued form of protection for the producers of Montana.

#### 102 YEAR SUMMARY

Total Risk Written	\$2,090,410,971
Premium Charge	\$182,854,352
Amount of Losses Paid	\$138,347,120
Policies Issued	202,795
Acres Insured	84,776,597
Average Acres Per Policy	418
Number of Losses Paid	45,880
Loss Ratio	75.66%
Total Refunds Paid	\$32,466,126

# Montana Hail Program 2018 Operations Report

As required by Montana Code Annotated a report of the 2018 season is hereby submitted.

## Damage Summary for 2018

Losses	Acres	
	<u>Crops</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Barley	3,222	\$117,996
Canola	2,305	\$31,365
Chickpeas	3,278	\$139,826
Corn	1,290	\$56,829
Durum Wheat	14,395	\$500,125
Hay	2,690	\$139,290
Lentils	5,610	\$270,091
Peas	8,263	\$209,749
Spring Wheat	22,508	\$741,007
Winter Wheat	31,149	\$1,188,019
<b>Totals</b>	<b>94,710</b>	<b>\$3,394,297</b>

## Total Acres Insured — 2018

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Alfalfa Seed	98
Barley	41,236
Beans	529
Canola	7,813
Chickpeas	33,900
Corn	4,246
Durum Wheat	46,239
Flax	4,261
Hay	12,100
Hemp	80
Lentils	43,361
Millet	1,848
Mustard	1,330
Oats	2,262
Peas	29,058
Safflower	4,455
Soybeans	564
Spring Wheat	291,268
Sunflower	135
Triticale	4,280
Truck Crops	134
Winter Wheat	191,312
<b>Totals</b>	<b>720,509</b>

## 2018 BUSINESS SUMMARY

Total Risk Written . . . . .	\$47,766,960
Premium Charge . . . . .	\$4,969,475
Amount of Losses Paid . . . . .	\$3,518,089
Policies Issued . . . . .	765
Acres Insured . . . . .	723,111
Average Acres Per Policy . . . . .	945
Number of Losses Paid . . . . .	185
Loss Ratio . . . . .	.70.79%

## Operating Expenses

11/1/2017—10/31/2018

Personnel Services . . . . .	\$276,065
Operating Expenses . . . . .	\$ 65,453
Indirect . . . . .	\$113,406

**Total Operating Expenses. \$454,924**

## Investments

<u>Amount Invested</u>	<u>Interest Rate*</u>	<u>Interest Re-</u>
\$1,879,130	1.48%	\$27,811

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