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2005 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

Potatoes

Virginia

Crop Insured

Potatoes (russets, reds, or whites) planted with certified seed for harvest as either certified seed stock or for human consumption may be insured. The policy does not cover any acreage where the potatoes are:

- Inter-planted with another crop;
- Planted into an established grass or legume; or
- Planted without following crop rotation requirements when specified in the special provisions.

Counties Available

Potatoes are insurable in Accomack and Northampton counties. Potatoes may be insurable in other counties if specific criteria are met. Contact a crop insurance agent for more details.

Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions¹
 Failure of irrigation water supply
 Fire
 Insects²
 Plant disease²
 Wildlife

¹Natural perils such as hail, frost, freeze, wind, drought, and excess moisture. ²Only if sufficient and proper control measures are used. Note: This policy does not cover insure against loss of production from damage occurring after potatoes are placed in storage.

Insurance Period

Coverage begins when the potatoes are planted and ends at the earliest of: (1) total destruction of the potatoes, (2) harvest of the crop, (3) abandonment of the crop, (4) final adjustment of a loss, (5) August 31, 2005.

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report— You must timely report to your agent all the acres of potatoes in the county in which you have a share.

Important Dates

Sales Closing	December 31, 2004
Final Planting.....	April 15, 2005
Acreage Report Due.....	April 30, 2005
Insurance Ends	August 31, 2005

Definitions

Average APH Yield— Your average yield per acre based on your actual yields and usually referred to as the actual production history (APH) yield.

Production Guarantee— Hundredweight (cwt.) guaranteed per acre determined by multiplying your average APH yield (based on your records) times the coverage level percentage you elect.

Price Election— The price used to calculate your premium or indemnity. Prices are posted on the RMA website at:

<http://www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/pricesinquiry/>

Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss

- (1) Protect the crop from further damage by providing sufficient care;
- (2) notify your agent within 72 hours of your initial discovery of damage (but not later than 15 days after the end of the insurance period); and
- (3) leave representative samples intact for each field of the damaged unit.

Price Election

\$9.05 per cwt

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage level options range from 50 to 75 percent of your average yield and are subsidized as shown in the table below. As an example, an average potato yield of 200 cwt. per acre results in a guarantee of 150 cwt. per acre at the 75-percent coverage level.

Item	Percent					
Coverage Level	50	55	60	65	70	75
Premium Subsidy	67	64	64	59	59	55
Your Premium Share	33	36	36	41	41	45

Catastrophic (CAT) coverage is fixed at 50 percent of average yield and 55 percent of the price election. CAT is 100 percent subsidized with no premium cost to you except for an administrative fee of \$100, regardless of the acreage.

Insurance Units

Basic Unit: A basic unit includes all of your wheat acreage in the county by share arrangement. Premiums are reduced by 10 percent for a basic unit.

Optional Units: If a basic unit consists of two or more farm serial numbers (FSN) and certain record-keeping criteria are met, you may apply for optional units by FSN. The 10-percent discount will not apply.

Loss Example

This example is based on 65-percent coverage level with an average APH yield of 180 cwt. per acre

180	Cwt. per acre average yield (APH)
x .65	Coverage level percentage
117	Cwt. per acre guarantee
- 47	Cwt. per acre production
70	Cwt. per acre loss
x \$9.05	Price election
\$634	Gross indemnity per acre
- \$39	Estimated producer's share of premium per acre
\$595	Net indemnity per acre

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