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Cabbage

Alaska, Oregon, Washington

Crop Insured

The crop insured will be all the green and red **cabbage** types in the county for which a premium rate is provided by the actuarial document in which the insured has a share and are: planted with inspected transplants; planted within the planting periods designated in the special provisions; are planted for harvest as marketable cabbage for Fresh-market; or processing, if they are grown under a processor contract executed before the acreage reporting date; and not excluded from the processor contract at any time during the crop year.

Uninsured acreage includes: 1) planted to savoy cabbage, 2) does not meet the rotation requirements contained in the Special Provisions, or 3) any acreage of the insured crop damaged before the end of the planting period, to the extent that a majority of producers in the area would normally not further care for the crop. The crop must be replanted unless the insurance provider agrees that it is not practical to replant.

Acreage Limitation - If your acreage of insurable cabbage types in the county for current crop year exceeds 125 percent of the greatest number of acres of insurable cabbage types that you produced in the county for any one of the three previous crop years, your production guarantee (per acre) for the current crop year will be reduced. Please refer to the Special Provisions of Insurance which include specifics regarding acreage limitations and the conditions when an insurance provider will approve a request.

Counties Available

Alaska State: Matanuska-Susitna Valley

Oregon State: Clackamas, Multnomah and Marion counties

Washington State: Pierce and King counties

Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions
Earthquake
Failure of the irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured cause of loss that occurs during the insurance period
Fire
Insects (but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of pest control measures)
Plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of disease control measures
Volcanic eruption
Wildlife

Insurance Period

Basic Coverage Begins - Insurance coverage begins on each unit or part of a unit the date the cabbage is planted in each planting period as listed above.

Basic Coverage Ends - Insurance coverage ends on the earlier of the date the crop should have been harvested or March 1 in Oregon for fresh market; October 1 in Alaska for fresh market; December 31 for the spring and fall planting period in Washington State and for processing practices in Oregon State.

Important Dates—Alaska

Sales Closing..... March 15
Initial Planting Date May 1
Final Planting Date..... June 1
Acreage Report Date June 11
Cancellation & Termination Date March 15

Important Dates—Oregon/Washington

Sales Closing..... February 1
Initial Planting Date * March 1, April 21, June 11
Final Planting Date * April 20, June 10, July 31,
Acreage Report Date * April 30, June 20, Aug 10
Cancellation & Termination Date February 1
*Dates shown by planting periods respectively (spring, summer, and fall).

The dates shown above will apply to all Alaska, Oregon and Washington counties where cabbage insurance is available.

Unit Structure

The pilot cabbage policy allows separation of a **basic unit** into **optional units** for each cabbage type under certain conditions contained in the basic provisions. Contact a crop insurance agent for specific details.

We will not insure against damage or loss of production due to: failure to market the cabbage for any reason other than actual physical damage from an insured cause of loss that occurs during the insurance period (for example, the insurance provider will not pay an indemnity if the insured is unable to market due to quarantine, boycott or refusal of any person to accept production); or damage that occurs or becomes evident after the end of the insurance period, including, but not limited to, damage that occurs or becomes evident after the cabbage has been placed in storage.

Guarantee and Price Options

Coverage is based on actual production history (APH) with choices of variable percentages. Catastrophic at 50-percent coverage level of your approved average yield and 55 percent of maximum price election and limited and additional buy-up from 50 percent up to 75-percent coverage level of your approved average yield. Only one price election may be selected for all the cabbage in the county insured under this policy, unless the special provisions provide different price elections by type.

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report: You must report to your insurance agent all of the acreage which you have a share (your share at the time insurance attaches), reporting the crop by type and practice.

Late and Prevented Planting

The late and prevented planting provisions of the basic provisions are not applicable.

Administrative Fees

Catastrophic (CAT) Coverage: \$100 per crop per county.
Additional Coverage: \$30 per crop per county.
Waivers of administrative fees for **all** coverage levels (CAT and additional) are available for limited resource farmers.

Loss Example

Fresh Market Cabbage Loss Example

Assuming as an example: 75-percent coverage level and a 100-percent price election at \$8.10 per hundredweight; 250 hundredweight per acre yield for fresh market cabbage actual production history (APH):

250	Cwt per acre (APH)
x 75%	Coverage level
188	Cwt per acre guarantee
x 100.0	Acres
18,800	Cwt unit guarantee
x \$ 8.10	Price coverage
\$152,280	Guarantee value
6,200	Cwt harvested production
x \$ 8.10	Price coverage
\$50,220	Harvested Value

\$152,280 - \$50,220 = \$102,060 Loss indemnity for fresh market cabbage is due policy holder

Where to Purchase

All MPCI, including CAT coverage insurance policies, are available from private insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available on the RMA website at:

<http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

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