

Valdosta Regional Office - Valdosta, GA

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Small Grains - Barley and Wheat

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina

Crops Insured

All barley, or a predominately barley grain mixture, and wheat, are insurable by yield or revenue protection plans in the county, for which premium rates are provided by the actuarial documents if:

- You have a share in the crop; and
- It is planted for harvest as grain.

The policy does not cover any acreage where barley or wheat are:

- Interplanted with another crop; or
- Planted into an established grass or legume; unless allowed by special provisions or by written agreement.

Counties Available

Barley insurance is available in Georgia and South Carolina only. Wheat insurance is available in several counties in each state. Go to: webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/actuarialinformationbrowser2014/CropCriteria.aspx or talk to you crop insurance agent to learn if insurance coverage is available in your county.

Causes of Loss

You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions;
- Earthquake;
- Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured peril during the insurance year;
- Fire;
- Insects or plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures;
- Price change (for revenue protection);
- Volcanic eruption; or
- Wildlife.

Insurance Period

Coverage begins when the crop is planted and ends with the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

- Total destruction of the crop;
- Removal from the field;
- Final adjustment of a loss;
- Abandonment of the crop; or
- 5) July 31.

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report - You must report all acres of the crop, in which you have a share in the county, to your insurance agent by the acreage reporting date.

Notice of Loss - In the event of loss:

- Protect the crop from further damage by providing sufficient care;
- Notify your agent within 72 hours of your initial discovery of damage; and
- Representative samples for each field in the damaged unit must not be destroyed or harvested until our inspection or 15 days after harvest of the balance of the unit is completed and written notice of loss provided.

Important Dates

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sales Closing..... | September 30, 2013 |
| Final Planting..... | Varies by State and County |
| Acreage Reporting..... | January 15, 2014 |
| Premium Billing..... | July 01, 2014 |
| Cancellation..... | September 30, 2013 |

Insurance Plans

One policy provides the choice of three plans.

Yield Protection - Insurance coverage providing protection only against a production loss.

Revenue Protection - Insurance coverage providing protection against loss of revenue due to a production loss, price decline/increase, or a combination of both.

Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion - Insurance coverage providing protection only against loss revenue due to a production loss, price decline, or a combination of both.

Prices

Projected Price - Determined from the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) average daily settlement price of the July futures contracts for corn when assessing barley pricing and wheat for wheat pricing. The average daily settlement period used is August 15 – September 14, according to the Commodity Exchange Price Provisions (CEPP). The projected price is used to calculate your premium and any prevented planting payment.

Harvest Price - Determined from the CBOT average daily settlement price of the July futures contracts for corn when assessing barley pricing and wheat for wheat pricing.

The average daily settlement period used is June 1 – June 30 according to the CEPP. For more information talk your agent or see: webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/ActuarialInformationBrowser/.

Definitions

Approved Yield - The average of the actual production history (APH) yields, assigned or adjusted yields, or unadjusted transitional yields that your insurance company calculates and approves.

Cancellation Date - The calendar date when coverage for the crop automatically renews unless canceled in writing by either you or us, or terminated according to the policy terms.

Harvest Price Exclusion - Revenue protection with the harvest price excluded when determining the revenue guarantee. Harvest price is not excluded for determining value of production for losses.

Production Guarantee - Bushels guaranteed per acre determined by multiplying your approved yield (based on your records) by the coverage level percentage you choose.

Revenue Protection Guarantee - For revenue protection only, amount determined by multiplying the production guarantee by the greater of the projected price or the harvest price. If you choose the harvest price exclusion, the production guarantee is only multiplied by the projected price.

Insurance Units

Basic Units - A basic insurance unit includes all your insurable wheat or barley acreage in the county in which you have 100-percent share and includes any cash-rented land. If you also grow wheat or barley on shares with another entity, that acreage is a separate basic unit. A variable premium discount applies for wheat and a 10-percent premium discount applies for barley. Talk to your agent for more details.

Optional Units - A basic unit may be divided into two or more optional units by Farm Service Agency farm serial number (FSN), irrigated and non-irrigated acreage, or organic practice. No premium discount applies. Talk to your agent for more details.

Enterprise Unit - All insurable barley or wheat in the county in which you have a share. To qualify for an enterprise unit, you must:

- Insure under yield or revenue protection; and
 - Have at least two FSN that each have the lesser of 20 acres or 20 percent of the insured crop acreage in the enterprise unit; or
 - Have one FSN with at least 660 planted acres.
- A variable premium discount and increased premium subsidy apply. Talk to your agent for more details.

Whole Farm Unit - Available for revenue protection policies only. A variable premium discount applies. You

will be required to pay separate administrative fees for each crop included in the whole-farm unit. Talk to your agent for more details.

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your approved yield. For example, an approved yield of 50 bushels/acre would result in a guarantee of 32.5 bushels/acre at the 65-percent coverage level. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown in the following table. Your share of the premium will be 100 percent minus the subsidy amount. For example, if you choose the 65-percent coverage level, the premium subsidy is 59 percent for basic or optional units. Your premium share is 41 percent of the premium for basic or optional units ($100 - 59 = 41$ percent), and 20 percent for an enterprise or whole farm unit ($100 - 80 = 20$ percent).

| Item | Percent | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Coverage Level | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 75 |
| Unit Type | Percent Premium Subsidy | | | | | |
| Basic/Optional Unit | 67 | 64 | 64 | 59 | 59 | 55 |
| Enterprise Unit | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 77 |
| Whole Farm Unit | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 |

Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is fixed at 50 percent of your approved yield and 55 percent of the projected price. CAT is 100-percent subsidized with no premium cost to you. There is however, an administrative fee of \$300 per crop, per county regardless of the acreage.

Prevented Planting

Prevented planting coverage is 60 percent of your production guarantee for timely planted acreage. If you pay an additional premium, you may increase your prevented planting coverage to a level specified in the actuarial documents.

Replant Provision

The amount of the replanting payment per acre is the lesser of 20 percent of the production guarantee, or four bushels for wheat, or five bushels for barley, multiplied by the projected price for the small grain crop, and multiplied by the percent share.

Loss Example

Yield protection loss occurs when wheat or barley production for the unit falls below the production guarantee due to damage from a covered cause of loss. Revenue protection loss occurs when the value of production-to-count is less than the revenue protection

guarantee due to a production loss and/or a loss of revenue.

Assume wheat with an approved yield of 48 bushels per acre, 75-percent coverage level, 100-percent share, and a one-acre basic unit. The projected price is \$8.09 and the harvest price is \$6.56. Due to an insurable cause of loss, the production-to-count is 20 bushels.

| Yield Protection | | Revenue Protection |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 48 | Bushels/acre APH yield | 48 |
| x 0.75 | Coverage level | x 0.75 |
| 36 | Bushels/acre guarantee | 36 |
| x \$8.09 | Projected price | x \$8.09 |
| \$291.24 | Insurance guarantee | \$291.24 |
| 20 | Bushels produced | 20 |
| x \$8.09 | Projected/harvest price | x \$6.56 |
| \$161.80 | Production-to-count value | \$131.20 |
| \$291.24 | Insurance guarantee | \$291.24 |
| - \$161.80 | Production-to-count value | - \$131.20 |
| \$129.44 | Indemnity/acre | \$160.04 |

For Revenue Protection, the insurance guarantee is equal to the production guarantee multiplied by the greater of the projected price or the harvest price.

For Revenue Protection, the production-to-count value is equal to the production to count multiplied by the harvest price.

Where to Buy Crop Insurance

All multi-peril crop insurance, including CAT policies, are available from private insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA service centers and on the RMA website at: www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/agents/.

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