

Valdosta Regional Office — Valdosta, GA

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Apples

Georgia, South Carolina

Crop Insured

All your apples in a county are insurable if:

- Actuarial documents provide premium rates;
- They are grown on tree varieties that are adapted to the area and have produced a minimum of 150 bushels per acre in 1 of the previous 4 years;
- They are grown in an orchard that, if inspected, your insurance company considers acceptable;
- They are grown for fresh or processing; and
- You have a share in the crop.

Talk to you crop insurance agent for more information.

Counties Available

Georgia - Banks, Fannin, Gilmer, Habersham, Hall, and Rabun counties.

South Carolina - Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg counties.

Causes of Loss

You are insured 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;
- Volcanic eruption; or
- Wildlife.

Insurance Period

Coverage begins:

- November 21 for new policies (talk to your crop insurance agent for limitations on when coverage starts); or
- November 6 for existing policies.

Important Dates

Sales Closing/Cancellation November 20, 2014
Acreage/Production Reporting January 15, 2015

Premium Billing August 15, 2015

Termination November 20, 2015

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 - If a loss occurs notify your crop insurance agent:

- At least 15 days before the beginning of harvest;
- At least 3 days before the date harvest should have started if the crop will not be harvested;
- Immediately when damage is discovered during harvest; or
- You must notify the company at least 15 days before any production from any unit will be sold by direct marketing.

You must not sell or dispose of the damaged crop until after your insurance company gives you written consent to do so or all sold production will be included as production-to-count.

Production Report - A production report, by type, is required by the production reporting date. You must also report:

- The number of bearing trees on insurable and uninsurable acreage;
- The age and planting pattern of the trees;
- Any damage to or removal of trees; and
- Any change in practices or other circumstances that may reduce yield potential.

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.

Damaged Apple Production - The percent of fresh or processing production failing to grade U.S. No. 1 Processing or better, due to an insurable cause of loss.

Direct Marketing - Sale of the insured crop directly to consumers without the intervention of an intermediary such as a wholesaler, retailer, packer, processor, shipper, buyer, or broker.

Fresh Apple Production - Apples are considered fresh production if:

- Sold, or could be sold, for human consumption without undergoing any change in the basic form, such as peeling, juicing, or crushing;
- From acreage designated as fresh apples on the acreage report;
- You follow recommended cultural practices in use for fresh apple acreage in the area in a manner recognized by agricultural experts; and
- From acreage you certify at least 50 percent of the production was sold as fresh apples in at least 1 of the 4 most recent crop years.

Price Election - The value per bushel used to determine premiums and indemnity. Prices can be found at: webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/actuarialinformationbrowser.

Processing Apple Production - Apples from insurable acreage failing to meet the insurability requirements for fresh apple production that are:

- Sold, or could be sold, for peeling, juicing or crushing; or
- From acreage designated as processing apples on the acreage report.

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

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your approved yield. For example, an approved yield of 400 bushels per acre would result in a guarantee of 260 bushels per acre at the 65-percent coverage level. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown in the following table. For example, if you choose the 65-percent coverage level, your premium share would be 41 percent of the base premium.

| Item | Percent | | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 75 |
| 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 Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is fixed at 50 percent of your approved yield and 55 percent of the price election. CAT is 100-percent subsidized with no premium cost to you. There is an administrative fee of \$300 per crop per county, regardless of the acreage.

Unit Division

In addition to the requirements of section 34(b) of the Basic Provisions, optional units may be established if each optional unit is:

- Located on non-contiguous land; or
- By type specified in the special provisions.

Loss Example

Assume apples, with an approved yield of 350 bushels per acre, 60-percent coverage level, 100-percent share, 100-percent fresh price election for varietal group B, and a one-acre basic unit. Due to insurable cause of loss, production-to-count is 100 bushels.

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| | 350 | Bushels per acre approved APH yield |
| x | 0.60 | Coverage level percentage |
| | 210 | Bushels guarantee |
| - | 100 | Bushels production |
| | 110 | Bushels loss |
| x | \$15.55 | Price election |
| | \$1,711 | Indemnity per acre |

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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