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Grain Sorghum

North and South Dakota

Crop Insured

Grain sorghum planted for harvest as grain are covered under the coarse grains policy. The crops insured will be each coarse grain crop for which a premium rate is provided for in the county actuarial and which is planted on insurable acreage.

Counties Available

Grain sorghum is insurable where listed on the county actuarial documents. Grain Sorghum is insurable in Sargent County, North Dakota and many counties in central to eastern South Dakota. Grain sorghum in other counties may be insurable by written agreement if specific criteria are met. Contact an agent for more details.

Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions¹
Failure of irrigation water supply²
Fire
Insects³
Plant disease³
Wildlife

¹Includes excessive moisture that prevents timely harvesting and abnormal temperatures that result in bypassed acreage because too much acreage was ready for harvest than could be feasibly harvested, or the processing of such production was beyond the capacity of the processor.

²If caused by an insured cause of loss.

³But not due to insufficient or improper application of control measures.

Insurance Period

Coverage begins when the grain sorghum is planted, and ends at the earliest of: (1) total destruction of the insured crop, (2) harvest of the insured crop, (3) abandonment of the insured crop, (4) final adjustment of a unit, or (5) the calendar date contained in the crop provisions as the end of insurance period, December 10, 2011.

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report- You must report all acreage of the insured crop, both insured and uninsured.

Important Dates

Sales Closing/Cancellation March 15
Acreage Reporting June 30
Premium Billing..... October 1

Production Guarantee

Number of bushels guaranteed determined by multiplying your average yield (based on your records) times the coverage level percentage you elect.

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.)

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your average yield. For example, an average yield of 40 bushels per acre would result in a guarantee of 30 bushels per acre at the 75-percent coverage level. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown below. For example, if you select the 75-percent coverage level, your premium share would be 45 percent of the base premium:

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 your average yield and 55 percent of the price election. The cost for CAT coverage is an administrative fee of \$300, regardless of the acreage.

Price Elections

The price basis will be according to the Commodity Exchange Price Provisions (CEPP) or the contract price (if applicable). The CEPP can be found on the RMA public Web site under the 2011 Common Crop Insurance Policy. The revenue protection projected price and (optional) harvest price are 100 percent of the projected price and harvest price issued by the FCIC.

Insurance Units

Your insurable acreage will be grouped into one or more units in order to establish the approved yield, calculate a guarantee, and determine any indemnity.

Basic Unit: A basic unit includes all of your applicable crop 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 sections or irrigated and non-irrigated acreage and certain record-keeping criteria are met, you may apply for optional units. The 10-percent discount will not apply.

Enterprise Units: Available for grain sorghum, comprising all insurable acreage of the insured crop in the county in which you have a share (consisting of two or more basic or optional units). An additional premium discount applies.

Whole Farm Units: Must contain all of the insurable acreage of at least two crops; and at least two of the insured crops must each have planted acreage that constitutes 10 percent or more of the total planted acreage liability of all insured crops in the whole-farm unit (crops for which revenue protection is available, liability will be based on the applicable projected price only for this purpose). An additional premium discount applies.

Production to Count

The total production counted for a unit includes the amount of production of any unharvested (appraised) and harvested production.

Replant Provisions

Replant provisions are applicable, with the exception of catastrophic (CAT) coverage policies.

Prevented Planting

Prevented planting coverage may be available.

Loss

A loss occurs when crop production falls below the guaranteed bushel or ton amount as a result of damage from a covered cause of loss. If, due to insurable causes, your harvested and appraised production to count (adjusted for quality) is less than your unit guarantee, an indemnity will be paid at the applicable projected price, harvest price, or catastrophic price.

Where to Purchase

All multi-peril crop insurance, including catastrophic coverage insurance policies, are available from private insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available on the RMA Web site at:

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

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