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## 2013 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

# Tobacco

## Pennsylvania

### Crop Insured

The tobacco policy covers the following tobacco types in Pennsylvania:

- 1) Maryland: Type 32
- 2) Cigar Filler: Type 41

### Counties Available

Tobacco is insurable in Chester, Lancaster, and Lebanon Counties. Tobacco 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 conditions<sup>1</sup>  
 Failure of irrigation water supply<sup>2</sup>  
 Fire  
 Insects<sup>3</sup>  
 Plant disease<sup>3</sup>  
 Wildlife

<sup>1</sup>Natural perils such as hail, freeze, frost, drought, wind, and excess precipitation.

<sup>2</sup>If caused by an insured peril during the insurance period.

<sup>3</sup>Except for insufficient or improper application of control measures.

### Insurance Period

Coverage begins at transplanting and ends at the earlier of:

- 1) Total destruction of the tobacco on the unit;
- 2) Removal of the tobacco from the unit where grown, except for curing, grading, and packing;
- 3) Abandonment of the crop on the unit;
- 4) Final adjustment of the loss on the unit; or
- 5) April 30 for Type 41 and May 15 for Type 32.

### Important Dates

Sales Closing Date.....March 15, 2013  
 Acreage Reporting Date..... July 15, 2013

### Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss

- 1) If crop damage occurs, give notice within 72 hours of initial discovery of damage;

- 2) Protect the crop from further damage if possible by providing sufficient care;
- 3) If representative samples are required of any unharvested acreage, the strips must be at least 5 feet wide (at least two rows), extending the entire length of the field. Samples must not be harvested or destroyed until after a field inspection is made; and
- 4) If you give notice of damage, you must leave all tobacco stalks and stubble intact until inspected.

### Definitions

**Approved Yield:** The average yield per acre based upon your actual production history (APH) and used to determine your production guarantee.

**Production Guarantee:** Pounds guaranteed per acre determined by multiplying your approved yield times the coverage level percentage you select.

### Price Elections

TYPE		PRICE ELECTION
32	Maryland	<b>\$1.50</b>
41	Cigar Filler	<b>\$1.70</b>

### Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your average yield and are subsidized as shown in the table 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 Risk Protection (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.

### Insurance Units

**Basic Unit:** A basic unit is all insurable acreage of an insurable type of tobacco in the county in which you have a share on the date of planting for the crop year and that is identified by a single Farm Service Agency farm number at the time insurance first attaches under these provisions for the crop year. Premiums are reduced 10 percent for a basic unit.

### Late Planting

For any insured acreage initially planted after the final planting date (FPD), the production guarantee will be reduced as follows:

- 1) One percent per day if planted during the 1<sup>st</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> day immediately following the FPD; and
- 2) Two percent per day if planted during the 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the FPD.

The premium amount for late planted acreage will be the same as for timely planted acreage.

### Prevented Planting

Your prevented planting coverage will be 35 percent of your production guarantee for timely planted acreage. Additional prevented planting coverage levels are not available for tobacco.

### Loss Example

This example is based on cigar filler tobacco with an approved yield of 2,121 pounds per acre, 60-percent coverage level, and one basic unit.

2,121	Approved Yield per acre
<u>x .60</u>	Coverage level
1,273	Acre guarantee
<u>- 580</u>	Production-to-Count
693	Loss per acre
<u>x \$1.70</u>	Price election
\$1,178	Indemnity per acre
<u>- \$56</u>	Estimated Premium
<b>\$1,122</b>	<b>Indemnity/Acre</b>

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