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# Potato

Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington

### Crop Insured

The crop insured will be all the potatoes in the county for which a premium rate is provided. The following is a brief description of the potato crop insurance program available in **Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington**.

### Counties Available

**Alaska:** Fairbanks North Star, Matanuska-Susitna and Southeast Fairbanks

**Idaho:** Ada, Bannock, Bingham, Blaine, Bonneville, Butte, Canyon, Caribou, Cassia, Clark, Custer, Elmore, Franklin, Fremont, Gooding, Jefferson, Jerome, Lincoln, Madison, Minidoka, Owyhee, Payette, Power, Teton, Twin Falls and Washington counties;

**Oregon:** Baker, Clackamas, Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Washington counties,

**Washington:** Adams, Benton, Clark, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Skagit, Snohomish, Walla Walla, Whatcom and Yakima counties.

### Important Dates

Sales Closing..... March 15  
Final Planting Date ..... See County Actuarial  
Acreage Report Date..... June 30  
Cancellation and Termination Date ..... March 15

**End of Insurance Period:** In addition to the conditions of Section 11 of the Basic Provisions, the calendar date is October 1 for all Alaska counties, and October 31 for all counties in Idaho, Oregon and Washington, with the exception of November 30 for red skinned varieties in Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom counties in Washington.

### Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI)

MPCI plans are designed to protect a potato operation's source of income and help achieve greater financial security. The following elements of the potato crop insurance provisions provide flexibility to tailor insurance protection to your individual needs. Please contact an insurance agent for specific details related to your policy/county.

### Northern Potato Crop Provisions (Basic Coverage)

- **Late and prevented** planting protection.
- **Quality adjustment** for tuber production damaged by freeze, or other insurable causes that result in tuber soft rot provided with the basic coverage. **Note:** This additional tuber freeze and soft rot coverage is also applicable for producers insuring at the catastrophic (CAT) level.

### Northern Potato Quality Endorsement (Optional)

- **Provides quality protection** for production with internal defects that cannot be sorted from undamaged production, as well as external defects. Choice of: U.S. Number 1 or better; U.S. Number 2 or better (Fresh); or U.S. Number 2 or better (Processing) Grade Standards.
- **Coverage on acreage grown for the production of seed** is excluded.
- **Production harvested or appraised prior to reaching full maturity** that does not meet the U.S. Grade selected by you, solely as a result of size, will be considered to have met the U.S. Grade.

### Northern Potato Processing Quality Endorsement (Optional)

- **Provides additional quality protection** for unacceptable levels of specific gravity, sugar ends, as well as poor fry or chip color.
- **The processing quality endorsement** attaches to and amends the standard quality endorsement.

- **Coverage** under this endorsement is available in many counties, check with your crop insurance agent for availability.

### **Northern Potato Certified Seed Potato Endorsement**

- **Certified seed coverage** is limited to no greater than 125 percent of the average number of acres entered into, and passing state certification during the three previous years (unless a written agreement allows more acreage to be insured).
- **Coverage** under this endorsement is available in many counties, check with your crop insurance agent for availability. Loss of production as well as loss of certification is covered.
- **Rotation requirement and standards** for parent seed are according to state certification regulations.
- **An additional value of protection** is applicable to seed producers with acreage within state sanctioned seed management areas or isolation districts.

### **Northern Potato Storage Coverage Endorsement**

- **Extended coverage** for damage that occurs within the insurance period, but that does not become evident until a later time (up to 60 days, following harvest) if damage results in:
  - 1) Tuber rot;
  - 2) Certain internal defects (applicable only if the producer elected coverage under the northern potato crop insurance quality endorsement);
 or
  - 3) Unacceptable specific gravity, sugar ends or fry / chip color (applicable only if the insured elected coverage under the northern potato processing quality endorsement).

### **Coverage Choices**

Choice of 50 to 85 percent (up to 75 percent in Alaska) of your approved average yield in 5 percent increments. Catastrophic (CAT) coverage is available at the 50-percent coverage level.

### **Administrative Fees**

**Catastrophic (CAT) Coverage:** \$300 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.

### **Where to Purchase**

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

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

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