

Spokane Regional Office — Spokane, WA

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Buckwheat

Washington

Crop Insured

Buckwheat acreage is insurable if:

- You have a share;
- Planted for harvest as grain; and
- Premium rates are provided by the actuarial documents.

Counties Available

Buckwheat is insurable in Franklin, Grant and Walla Walla counties.

Eligibility

Buckwheat acreage is insured if the production is under a contract with a business enterprise equipped with facilities appropriate to handle and store buckwheat production. The contract must be executed by you and the business enterprise, in effect for the crop year, and a copy provided to the insurer no later than the acreage reporting date. To be considered a contract, the executed document must be enforced by the acreage reporting date and contain:

- A requirement that you plant, grow, and deliver buckwheat to the business enterprise;
- The amount of production that will be accepted or a statement that all production from a specified number of acres will be accepted;
- The price to be paid for the contracted production; and
- Other such terms that establish the obligation of each party to the contract.

Causes of Loss

You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions;
- Earthquake;
- Failure of the irrigation water supply, if caused by

an insured cause of loss that occurs during the insurance period;

- Fire;
- Insects, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of pest control measures;
- Plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of disease control measures;
- Volcanic eruption; or
- Wildlife.

Insurance Period

Coverage begins on the later of the date of application or at the time of planting and ends the earliest of:

- Total destruction of the insured crop on the unit;
- Harvest of the unit;
- Final adjustment of a loss on the unit;
- October 31, of the calendar year in which the crop is normally harvested in Washington State; or
- Abandonment of the crop on the unit.

Important Dates

Sales Closing March 15, 2014
 Final Planting Date See County Actuarial
 Acreage Report Date August 15, 2014
 Cancellation & Termination March 15, 2015

Reporting Requirements

You must report to your insurance company all acreage of the insured crop in the county in which you have a share.

Production Guarantees

Yields are based on actual production records reported to your insurance agent and/or company. There is also an optional adjustment of low yields in your actual production history. Contact your insurance agent for specific details.

Guarantee Choices

Choice of 50 to 75 percent of your approved average yield (5-percent increments) in all counties with a program.

Price Elections

The base contract price in U.S. dollars is used to determine your price election. You may also elect a percentage less than 100 percent of the base contract price stated in the processor contract.

Late Planting

The late planting provisions are not applicable. There is no late planting period.

Replanting and Prevented Planting

Coverage is provided for both circumstances. The payment rate for replanting is two bushel per acre times your price election and share.

Catastrophic Coverage

Catastrophic coverage is available at the 50-percent coverage level and 55 percent of maximum price election.

Administrative Fees

Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is \$300 per crop, per county. Additional coverage is \$30 per crop, per county. Waivers of administrative fees for all coverage levels are available for limited-resource farmers.

Loss Example

Assume 100-percent share, 75-percent coverage, contract price of \$6.10 and an average yield of 40 bushels per acre.

40	Bushels
x 0.75	Coverage level
30	Bushel per acre guarantee
- 10	Bushel per acre production
20	Bushel per acre loss
x \$6.10	Price election
\$122.00	Indemnity per acre due policyholder (less insurance premium due)

Where to Buy Crop Insurance

All insurance policies, including CAT policies, are available from private insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at any USDA service center or on the RMA website: www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/.

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