

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**Federal Crop Insurance Corporation**  
**MACADAMIA TREE CROP PROVISIONS**



If a conflict exists among the Basic Provisions, these Crop Provisions, and the Special Provisions; the Special Provisions will control these Crop Provisions and the Basic Provisions; and these Crop Provisions will control the Basic Provisions.

**1. Definitions.**

**Age** - The number of complete 12-month periods that have elapsed since the month the trees were set out or were grafted, whichever is later. Age determination will be made for each unit, or portion thereof, as of January 1 of each crop year.

**Crop year** - A period beginning with the date insurance attaches to the macadamia tree crop extending through December 31 of the same calendar year. The crop year is designated by the calendar year in which insurance attaches.

**Days** - Calendar days.

**Destroyed** - Trees damaged to the extent that we determine replacement, including grafts, is required.

**Good farming practices** - The cultural practices generally in use in the county for the crop to have normal growth and vigor, and are those recognized by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service as compatible with agronomic and weather conditions in the area.

**Graft** - The uniting of a macadamia shoot to an established macadamia tree rootstock for future production of macadamia nuts.

**Interplanted** - Acreage on which two or more crops are planted in any form of alternating or mixed pattern.

**Irrigated practice** - A method by which the normal growth and vigor of the insured trees is maintained by artificially applying adequate quantities of water during the growing season by appropriate systems and at the proper times.

**Non-contiguous** - Any two or more tracts of land whose boundaries do not touch at any point, except that land separated only by a public or private right-of-way, waterway, or an irrigation canal will be considered as contiguous.

**Rootstock** - The root and stem portion of a macadamia tree to which a macadamia shoot can be grafted.

**Written agreement** - A written document that alters designated terms of this policy in accordance with section 12.

**2. Unit Division.**

- (a) Unless limited by the Special Provisions, a unit as defined in section 1 (Definitions) of the Basic Provisions, (basic unit) may be divided into optional units if, for each optional unit, you meet all the conditions of this section.
- (b) Basic units may not be divided into optional units on any basis other than as described in this section.
- (c) If you do not comply fully with these provisions, we will combine all optional units that are not in compliance with these provisions into the basic unit

from which they were formed. We will combine the optional units at any time we discover that you have failed to comply with these provisions. If failure to comply with these provisions is determined to be inadvertent, and the optional units are combined into a basic unit, that portion of the additional premium paid for the optional units that have been combined will be refunded to you for the units combined.

- (d) All units you selected for the crop year must be identified on the acreage report for that crop year.
- (e) The following requirements must be met for each optional unit:
  - (1) You must have provided records, which can be independently verified, of acreage and age of trees for each unit for at least the last crop year; and
  - (2) Each optional unit must meet one or more of the following criteria, as applicable, unless otherwise specified by written agreement:
    - (i) Contain at least 80 acres of insurable age macadamia trees; or
    - (ii) Be located on non-contiguous land.

**3. Insurance Guarantees, Coverage Levels, and Dollar Amounts for Determining Indemnities.**

- (a) In addition to the requirements of section 3 (Insurance Guarantees, Coverage Levels, and Prices for Determining Indemnities) of the Basic Provisions:
  - (1) You may select only one dollar amount of insurance for all the macadamia trees in the county in each age group contained in the actuarial table that are insured under this policy. The dollar amount of insurance you choose for each age group must have the same percentage relationship to the maximum dollar amount offered by us for each age group. For example, if you choose 100 percent of the maximum dollar amount of insurance for one age group, you must also choose 100 percent of the maximum dollar amount of insurance for all other age groups.
  - (2) If the stand is less than 90 percent, based on the original planting pattern, the dollar amount of insurance will be reduced 1 percent for each percent below 90 percent. For example, if the dollar amount of insurance you selected is \$2,000 and the stand is 85 percent of the original stand, the dollar amount of insurance on which any indemnity will be based is \$1,900 (\$2,000 multiplied by 0.95).

(3) You must report, by the sales closing date contained in the Special Provisions, by type if applicable:

- (i) Any damage, removal of trees, change in practices, or any other circumstance that may reduce the dollar amount of insurance and the number of affected acres;
- (ii) The number of trees on insurable and uninsurable acreage;
- (iii) The month and year on which the trees were set out or grafted and the planting pattern;
- (iv) For the first year of insurance following replacement, the month and year of replacement if more than 10 percent of the trees on any unit have been replaced in the previous five crop years; and
- (v) For the first year of insurance for acreage interplanted with another perennial crop, and any time the planting pattern of such acreage is changed:
  - (A) The age of the interplanted crop, and type if applicable;
  - (B) The planting pattern; and
  - (C) Any other information that we request in order to establish your dollar amount of insurance.

We will reduce the dollar amount of insurance as necessary, based on our estimate of the effect of interplanted perennial crop, removal of trees, damage, change in practices, and any other circumstance that adversely affects the insured crop. If you fail to notify us of any circumstance that may reduce your dollar amount of insurance from previous levels, we will reduce your dollar amount of insurance as necessary at any time we become aware of the circumstance.

(b) The production reporting requirements contained in section 3 (Insurance Guarantees, Coverage Levels, and Prices for Determining Indemnities) of the Basic Provisions, do not apply to macadamia trees.

#### **4. Contract Changes.**

In accordance with section 4 (Contract Changes) of the Basic Provisions, the contract change date is August 31 preceding the cancellation date.

#### **5. Cancellation and Termination Dates.**

In accordance with section 2 (Life of Policy, Cancellation, and Termination) of the Basic Provisions, the cancellation and termination dates are December 31.

#### **6. Insured Crop.**

In accordance with section 8 (Insured Crop) of the Basic Provisions, the crop insured will be all macadamia trees in the county for which a premium rate is provided by the actuarial table:

- (a) In which you have a share;
- (b) That are grown for the production of macadamia nuts;
- (c) For which the rootstock is adapted to the area;

(d) That are at least one year of age when the insurance period begins; and

(e) That, if the orchard is inspected, is considered acceptable by us.

#### **7. Insurable Acreage.**

In lieu of the provisions in section 9 (Insurable Acreage) of the Basic Provisions, that prohibit insurance attaching to a crop planted with another crop, macadamia trees interplanted with another perennial crop are insurable unless we inspect the acreage and determine that it does not meet the requirements contained in your policy.

#### **8. Insurance Period.**

(a) In accordance with the provisions of section 11 (Insurance Period) of the Basic Provisions:

(1) Coverage begins on January 1 of each crop year, except that for the year of application, if your application is received after December 22 but prior to January 1, insurance will attach on the 10th day after your properly completed application is received in our local office, unless we inspect the acreage during the 10-day period and determine that it does not meet insurability requirements. You must provide any information that we require for the crop or to determine the condition of the orchard.

(2) The calendar date for the end of the insurance period for each crop year is December 31.

(b) In addition to the provisions of section 11 (Insurance Period) of the Basic Provisions:

(1) If you acquire an insurable share in any insurable acreage after coverage begins but on or before the acreage reporting date for the crop year, and after an inspection we consider the acreage acceptable, insurance will be considered to have attached to such acreage on the calendar date for the beginning of the insurance period.

(2) If you relinquish your insurable share on any insurable acreage of macadamia trees on or before the acreage reporting date for the crop year, insurance will not be considered to have attached to, and no premium or indemnity will be due for such acreage for that crop year unless:

(i) A transfer of coverage and right to an indemnity, or a similar form approved by us, is completed by all affected parties;

(ii) We are notified by you or the transferee in writing of such transfer on or before the acreage reporting date; and

(iii) The transferee is eligible for crop insurance.

#### **9. Causes of Loss.**

(a) In accordance with the provisions of section 12 (Causes of Loss) of the Basic Provisions, insurance is provided only against the following causes of loss that occur during the insurance period:

(1) Adverse weather conditions;

(2) Fire, unless weeds and other forms of undergrowth have not been controlled or pruning debris has not been removed from the orchard;

(3) Earthquake;

- (4) Volcanic eruption;
  - (5) Wildlife, unless proper measures to control wildlife have not been taken; or
  - (6) Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured cause of loss that occurs during the insurance period.
- (b) In addition to the causes of loss excluded in section 12 (Causes of Loss) of the Basic Provisions, we will not insure against damage due to disease or insect infestation, unless adverse weather:
- (1) Prevents the proper application of control measures or causes properly applied control measures to be ineffective; or
  - (2) Causes disease or insect infestation for which no effective control mechanism is available.

#### **10. Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss.**

In addition to the requirements of section 14 (Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss) of the Basic Provisions, in case of damage or probable loss, if you intend to claim an indemnity on any unit, you must allow us to inspect all insured acreage before pruning or removing any damaged trees.

#### **11. Settlement of Claim.**

- (a) We will determine your loss on a unit basis.
- (b) In the event of loss or damage covered by this policy, we will settle your claim by:
  - (1) Multiplying the insured acreage by the dollar amount of insurance per acre for each age group;
  - (2) Totaling the results in section 11(b)(1);
  - (3) Multiplying the total dollar amount of insurance obtained in section 11(b)(2) by the applicable percent of loss, which is determined as follows:
    - (i) Subtract the coverage level percent you elected from 100 percent;
    - (ii) Subtract the result obtained in section 11(b)(3)(i) from the actual percent of loss;
    - (iii) Divide the result in section 11(b)(3)(ii) by the coverage level you elected (For example, if you elected the 75 percent coverage level and your actual percent of loss was 70 percent, the percent of loss specified in section 11(b)(3) would be calculated as follows:  $100\% - 75\% = 25\%$ ;  $70\% - 25\% = 45\%$ ;  $45\% \div 75\% = 60\%$ .); and
  - (4) Multiply the result in section 11(b)(3) by your share.
- (c) The total amount of loss will include both trees damaged and trees destroyed as follows:
  - (1) Any orchard with over 80 percent actual damage due to an insured cause of loss will be considered to be 100 percent damaged; and
  - (2) Any percent of damage by uninsured causes will not be included in the percent of loss.

#### **12. Written Agreements.**

Terms of this policy that are specifically designated for the use of written agreement may be altered by written agreement in accordance with the following:

- (a) You must apply in writing for each written agreement no later than the sales closing date, except as provided in section 12(e);
- (b) The application for a written agreement must contain all variable terms of the contract between you and us that will be in effect if the written agreement is not approved;
- (c) If approved, the written agreement will include all variable terms of the contract, including, but not limited to, crop type or variety, the guarantee, premium rate, and dollar amount of insurance;
- (d) Each written agreement will only be valid for one year (If the written agreement is not specifically renewed the following year, insurance coverage for subsequent crop years will be in accordance with the printed policy); and
- (e) An application for a written agreement submitted after the sales closing date may be approved if, after a physical inspection of the acreage, it is determined that no loss has occurred and the crop is insurable in accordance with the policy and written agreement provisions.