Crop Insured
All potatoes are insurable if:
• Planted with certified seed for harvest as either certified seed stock or for human consumption;
• Not interplanted with another crop; and
• Not planted into an established grass or legume. Additional endorsements are available for an added premium:
  • Storage Coverage Endorsement;
  • Quality Endorsement;
  • Processing Quality Endorsement; and
  • Certified Seed Endorsement.

Counties Available
Potatoes are insurable in Aroostook, Cumberland, Oxford, Penobscot, and Piscataquis counties. Potatoes may be insurable in other counties by written agreement if specific criteria are met. Contact a crop insurance agent for more details.

Causes of Loss
You are protected against the following:
• Adverse weather conditions, including natural perils such as hail, frost, freeze, wind, drought, and excess precipitation;
• Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured peril during the insurance period;
• Fire, if caused by an insured peril during the insurance period;
• Insect damage and plant disease, except for insufficient or improper application of control measures; or
• Wildlife.

Insurance Period
Coverage begins when the potatoes are planted and ends with the earliest occurrence of one of the following:
• Harvest of the crop;
• Final adjustment of a claim;
• Total destruction of the crop;
• Abandonment of the crop; or
• October 20, 2017.

Important Dates
Sales Closing Date ..................... March 15, 2017
Final Planting Date ..................... June 10, 2017
Acreage Reporting Date ............... July 15, 2017

Reporting Requirements
Acreage Report - An acreage report, due to your crop insurance agent by the date shown in the actuarial documents under Important Dates, must include all acreage (insurable and uninsurable) in which you have a share.

Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss
Notice of Loss - If a loss occurs you should:
• Protect the crop from further damage by providing sufficient care;
• If damage occurs, you must give notice to your crop insurance agent within 72 hours of initial discovery; and
• Leave representative samples intact for each field of the damaged unit.

Definitions
Certified Seed - Potatoes that were entered into the potato certified seed program and that meet all requirements for production to be used to produce a seed crop for the next crop year or potato crop for harvest for commercial uses in the next crop year.
Production Guarantee - Hundredweight (cwt.) guaranteed per acre determined by multiplying your average approved yield per acre (based on your records) by the coverage level percentage you select.
Tuber Rot - Any soft, mushy, or leaky condition of

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potato tissue (soft rot or wet breakdown, as defined in the United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes), including, but not limited to, breakdown caused by Southern Bacterial Wilt, Ring Rot, or Late Blight.

**Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies**

Coverage levels range from 50 to 85 percent of your average yield and are subsidized as shown below. For example, an average actual production history (APH) yield of 240 hundredweight per acre results in a guarantee of 120 hundredweight per acre at the 50-percent coverage level.

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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.

**Price Elections**

- Established Price: $9.80 per cwt.
- CAT Price: $5.39 per cwt.

**Insurance Units**

Basic and optional farm unit structures are available for potato program counties. Premium discounts apply to basic farm units.

**Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO)**

SCO is available for potatoes in some counties. If elected, SCO provides additional coverage for a portion of your underlying crop insurance policy deductible. A map of SCO availability can be accessed through the Map Viewer tool on the RMA website at prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/MapViewer/index.html.

**Loss Example**

Assume potatoes with an APH yield of 240 hundredweight per acre, 65-percent coverage level, non-irrigated practice, 100-percent share, no options or endorsements, and a one-acre basic unit.

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\text{APH yield per acre} & = 240 \\
\times & 0.65 \\
\text{Acre guarantee} & = 156 \\
\text{Production-to-count} & = 48 \\
\text{Loss per acre} & = 108 \\
\times & 9.80 \\
\text{Indemnity per acre} & = 1058
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**Where to Buy Crop Insurance**

All multi-peril crop insurance, including CAT policies, are available from private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA service centers and on the RMA website at www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html.

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