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## 2007 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

# Potatoes

## Arizona

### Crop Insured

Russet and all other varieties of potatoes that are grown in irrigated fields can be insured. Potatoes planted with certified seed for harvest and human consumption may be insured. The policy does not cover potatoes that are:

- Planted into an established grass or legume

### Counties Available

Potatoes are insurable in Maricopa and Pinal counties. Potatoes 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<sup>3</sup>  
 Insects<sup>4</sup>  
 Plant disease<sup>4</sup>  
 Wildlife<sup>5</sup>

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

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

<sup>3</sup>Unless weeds and undergrowth are not controlled or unmulched pruning debris is not removed.

<sup>4</sup>But not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures.

<sup>5</sup>Unless wildlife control measures have not been taken.

### Important Dates

Sales Closing .....November 30  
 Final Planting Date ..... February 28  
 Acreage Report Due..... April 30

### Insurance Period

Insurance begins when the potatoes are planted and ends at the earliest of:

- Total destruction of the potatoes,
- Harvest of the crop,
- Final adjustment of a loss,
- Abandonment of the crop,
- Calendar date specified in policy

### Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your average yield. For example, an average potato yield of 400 hundredweight (cwt) per acre would result in a 200 cwt per acre guarantee at the 50-percent coverage level.

**Catastrophic (CAT) Coverage** is fixed at **50 percent** of your average yield and **55 percent** of the price election.

**Price Election** Used to calculate your premium or indemnity. **\$6.00 cwt**

### Cost of Crop Insurance

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 raised the subsidies for federal crop insurance premiums substantially. For CAT coverage, growers pay an application fee of \$100 with 100 percent of the premiums being subsidized. Higher coverage levels are subsidized at lower rates; USDA pays at least 50 percent of the premium. For more detailed information about the amounts of coverage and premiums, please contact a crop insurance agent or your local county FSA office for an agent listing.

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## Loss Example

Example assumes russets at an average yield of 400 cwt per acre, winter planted in Pinal county, 75-percent coverage level and basic units, 100-percent share.

400	Cwt. per acre average yield (APH)
<u>x .75</u>	Coverage level percentage
300	Cwt. per acre guarantee
<u>- 250</u>	Cwt. per acre actually produced
50	Cwt. per acre loss
<u>x \$6.00</u>	Price election
<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>Gross indemnity per acre</b>

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## Where to Purchase Crop Insurance

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 at:

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