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Small Grains

Arizona

Crop Insured

Insurable types of small grains are **wheat and barley** that are grown for the production of grain, not forage. Only irrigated production practices are insurable in the counties. Additional coverage endorsements are available for winter wheat. Coverage for all types of small grains, irrigation practices, and planting periods may not be available in all counties.

Producers must insure all or none of their acreage of each type of small grain in the county but do not have to insure all types of small grain. For example, a producer may insure all of his wheat acreage and none of his barley. The insurance coverage on one type of small grain can differ from coverage on another small grain insured by the same producer.

Counties Available

Barley is insurable in Cochise, Graham, Maricopa, Pinal and Yuma Counties. Wheat is insurable in Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Yavapai and Yuma counties. Barley and wheat 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 conditions¹
Failure of irrigation water supply²
Fire³
Insects⁴
Plant disease⁴
Wildlife⁵

¹Natural perils such as hail, frost, freeze, wind, drought, and excess moisture.

²If caused by an insured peril during the insurance period.

³Unless weeds and undergrowth are not controlled or unmulched pruning debris is not removed.

⁴But not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures.

⁵Unless wildlife control measures have not been taken.

Insurance Period

Producers must contact a crop insurance agent to apply for coverage by October 31 or change their coverage before June 30 to insure the small grains they intend to plant. Insurance coverage begins when the crop is planted and ends no later than the following July 31.

Important Dates

Barley:

Sales Closing October 31
Final Planting Date January 31
Acreage Report Due March 15

Wheat:

Sales Closing October 31
Final Planting Date January 31
Acreage Report Due March 15

**See an agent for actual dates in your area.

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

The insurance guarantee is production measured in bushels of grain. Individual amounts of insurance are based on the grower's production history. An insurance agent calculates each grower's approved-average yield from 4-10 years of production records. Producers can select a level of coverage ranging from 50 to 75 percent of their approved average yield and 50 to 100 percent of a price announced by USDA, or catastrophic (CAT) coverage based on 50 percent of their approved yield and 55 percent of the price.

Price Election The price below used to calculate your premium or indemnity:

Barley: \$2.15
Wheat: \$3.25

Loss Example-Wheat

Assumes a basic unit with 65-percent coverage level, 100-percent price election, and yield of 80 bushels per acre, 100-percent share.

	80	Bushels per acre average yield (APH)
x	.65	Coverage level percentage
	52	Bushels per acre guarantee
-	14	Bushels per acre actually produced
	38	Bushels per acre loss
x	\$3.25	Price election
	\$ 124.00	Gross indemnity per acre

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:

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

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