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# **Fresh Freestone Peaches**

## Utah

## **Crop Insured**

Growers must insure all their acreage of fresh freestone peaches in a county. The acreage must produce at least 200 lugs per acre (22 pounds per lug) in at least one of the last three years. The orchard must have reached at least the fifth growing season after set out. If the orchard doesn't meet these criteria then the company can inspect and agree in writing to insure.

#### **Counties Available**

Fresh freestone peaches are insurable in Utah county. Fresh freestone peaches in other counties may be insurable by written agreement if specific criteria are met.

#### 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>3</sup>
Wildlife<sup>5</sup>

#### **Insurance Period**

Coverage begins for each crop year on November 21. The calendar date for the end of the insurance period for each crop year is September 30.

## **Important Dates**

Sales Closing	November 20
Acreage Report Due	January 15

#### **Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies**

The guarantee is production, measured in lugs of fresh fruit. Individual amounts of insurance are based on a grower's production history. Insurance providers calculate individual approved-average yields from 4-10 years of production records. Growers can select a coverage level ranging from 50 to 75 percent of their approved average yields and 55 to 100 percent of a price announced by USDA, or catastrophic risk protection (CAT) based on 50 percent of their approved yield and 55 percent of the price.

**Price Election** Price used to calculate your premium and indemnity: \$5.05 per lug

#### **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.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Loss Example**

A claim can be filed whenever production falls short of the guarantee selected by the insured. The amount of a loss is determined by multiplying the production shortfall by the preselected price.

Based on average yield of 230 lugs per acre, 65percent coverage level and one basic unit, 100-percent share

Gross indemnity per acre
Price election
Lugs per acre loss
Lugs per acre actually produced
Lugs per acre guarantee
Coverage level percentage
Lugs per acre average yield (APH)

## 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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