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2008 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

Tropical Tree Pilot Hawaii - Coffee

Crop Insured

The crop insured will be all coffee trees for which a premium rate is provided by the actuarial documents in which you have a share:

- Grown to produce a crop intended to be sold for human consumption;
- That, if the orchard is inspected and is considered acceptable by us;
- Provide evidence of at least four consecutive crop years of experience growing the crop excluding year set out;

Tree age will be determined on December 31st according to the following table:

Year	Months After
	Set Out
1	≤ 12
2	13 - 24
3	25 - 36
4	37+

Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions¹ Destruction of trees² Insects³ Disease³ Earthquake Fire⁴ Tsunami Volcanic eruption Wildlife⁵

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

²If authorized by the insurance provider to contain the spread of disease. ³But not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures.

⁴Unless weeds and undergrowth are not controlled.

⁵Unless recommended wildlife control measures have not been taken.

Counties Available

Tropical fruits are insurable in Hawaii, Kauai, Honolulu and Maui counties in Hawaii.

Insurance Period

Insurance attaches January 1st for carryover policies and 30 days after we receive your application for new insureds, but no earlier than January 1st. The insurance period ends the earlier of December 31st of the crop year; or upon our determination of the total destruction of insured trees on the unit.

Important Dates

Sales Closing	December 31
Acreage Report Due	March 15

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Growers can select coverage level options ranging from 50 to 75 percent of the reference maximum price per tree or catastrophic coverage risk protection which offers a producer a 50-percent level of coverage, indemnified at 55 percent of the established price shown on the price addendum.

Tree Reference Maximum Price Value used to calculate your premium and indemnity.

Growth Stage Year 1	\$8 per tree
Growth Stage Year 2	\$9 per tree
Growth Stage Year 3	\$10 per tree

Growth Stage Year 1 (Hawaii county)....\$15 per tree Growth Stage Year 2 (Hawaii county)....\$19 per tree Growth Stage Year 3 (Hawaii county)....\$23 per tree Growth Stage Year 4 (Hawaii county)....\$29 per tree

Cost of Crop Insurance

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 raised the subsidies for federal crop insurance premiums substantially. Higher coverage levels are subsidized at lower rates; USDA pays at least 50 percent of the premium. For more detailed information about amounts of coverage and premiums, please contact a crop insurance agent or the county Farm Service Agency office for an agent listing.

This fact sheet gives only a general overview of the crop insurance program and is not a complete policy. For further information and an evaluation of your risk management needs, contact a crop insurance agent.

Loss Example

Farmer has 500 insured coffee trees in Kauai and 75percent level of coverage. The reference price is \$9 per tree for growth stage year 2. Three hundred trees are dead after a hurricane.

Step 1

500	Total insured trees.
x \$9	Tree reference price at stage 2.
\$4,500	Value of insured trees.

Step 2

300	Total dead trees.
x \$9	Tree reference price at stage 2.
\$2,700	Value of dead trees

<u>Step 3</u>

(2,700 ÷ 4,500) = 60 percent damage (1.0 - .75) = 25 percent deductible (60 percent - 25 percent) = 35 percent loss **\$4,500 x 35 percent = \$1,575 indemnity**

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

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