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2009 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.

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 conditions¹
Failure of Irrigation water supply²
Fire
Insects³
Plant disease³
Wildlife⁴

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

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

³But not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures.

⁴Unless wildlife control measures have not been taken.

Important Dates

Sales Closing November 30
Final Planting Date (Pinal) March 10
Final Planting Date (Maricopa) 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, and
- No later than July 25.

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.

2009 Price: \$7.00 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 \$300 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.

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 \$7.00</u>	Price election
\$ 350.00	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:

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