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# 2009 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

# Tropical Fruit Pilot Hawaii - Coffee

# **Crop Insured**

The crop insured will be all coffee cherries grown for processing in the county 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 most recent four consecutive crop years of acreage and production;
- Coffee acreage that has reached age three (3) on December 31 preceding the crop year.

Tree age will be determined on December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 conditions<sup>1</sup> Destruction of trees<sup>2</sup> Disease<sup>3</sup> Earthquake Fire<sup>4</sup> Insects<sup>3</sup> Tsunami Volcanic eruption Wildlife<sup>5</sup>

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

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

<sup>4</sup>Unless weeds and undergrowth are not controlled.

<sup>5</sup>Unless 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 1<sup>st</sup> for carryover policies and 30 days after we receive your application for new insureds, but no earlier than January 1<sup>st</sup>. The insurance period ends the earlier of December 31<sup>st</sup> 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**

Yields are based on actual production records reported to your insurance agent. Growers can select a coverage level ranging from 50 to 75 percent of their average yield or catastrophic coverage risk protection which offers a producer a 50-percent level of coverage, indemnified at 55 percent of the established price.

**Price Election:** Price used to calculate your premium and indemnity.

Coffee	\$0.61 per pound
Coffee (Hawaii County)	\$0.77 per pound

# **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.

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**

Premium based on one acre located in Kauai, 65percent level of coverage, 100-percent share and an average yield of 4,500 pounds per acre.

4500	Pounds per acre average yield (APH)
x .65	Coverage level percentage
2925	Pounds per acre guarantee
- 1000	Pounds per acre actually produced
1925	Pounds per acre loss
x \$0.61	Price election, per pound
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\$1,174.25 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: <u>http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/</u>

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