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2012 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

Pears

California

Crop Insured
All pears grown for fresh market or processing that are adapted to the area and have produced an average of at least five tons per acre in at least 1 of the 4 previous crop years unless the Special Provisions or a written agreement establishes a lower production level.

Counties Available
Pears are insurable in El Dorado, Lake, Mendocino Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. Pears 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 conditions[1]
Earthquake
Failure of irrigation water supply[2]
Fire[3]
Volcanic eruption

[1]Natural perils such as hail, frost, freeze, wind, drought, and excess moisture.
[2]If caused by an insured peril during the insurance period.
[3]Unless weeds and other forms of undergrowth have not been controlled or pruning debris has not been removed from the orchard.

Insurance Period
Coverage begins on the 10th day after submitting a completed application for the first year and February 1 of each crop year after that. Coverage ends the earliest of:
1) Total destruction of the crop;
2) Harvest of the crop;
3) Final adjustment of a loss;
4) Abandonment of the crop;
5) September 15 for Bartlett (green and red) and Star Crimson (Crimson Red varietal groups); or
6) October 15 for all other varietal groups

Important Dates
Sales Closing	January 31
Acreage Report Due	January 31

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies
Individual insurance amounts are based on your production history. Your approved average yield is calculated from a minimum of 4 to 10 years of production records you provide to an insurance agent. You can select a coverage level ranging from 50 to 75 percent of your approved average yield and 50 to 100 percent of a price announced by USDA, or catastrophic risk protection (CAT) coverage based on 50 percent of your approved yield and 55 percent of the price.

Price Election
The price used to determine your premium and indemnity.

Green Bartlett	**$210 per ton**
Winter and all other types	**$435 per ton**

Cost of Crop Insurance
CAT coverage has an application fee of $300 with 100 percent of the premiums being subsidized. Higher coverage levels are subsidized at lower rates though USDA pays at least 50 percent of the premium. For more detailed information about coverage and premium amounts, please contact a crop insurance agent or your local county Farm Service Agency office for an agent listing.

Loss Example
Assume an average yield of 25 tons per acre, 75-percent coverage level, one basic unit, price election* of $210 per ton, and 100-percent share on the Green Bartlett variety.

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.

25		Tons per acre average yield (APH)
x .75		Coverage level
18.75		Tons per acre guarantee
- 10		Tons per acre actually produced
8.75		Tons per acre loss
x $210		Price election* (at 100 percent)
$**1,837.50**		**Gross indemnity per acre**

*Price election used for example only. Contact a crop insurance agent for current information.

Where to Buy Crop Insurance

All multi-peril crop insurance, including CAT 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/apps/agents/

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