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### 2012 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

# Tropical Tree Pilot Hawaii - Papaya

#### **Crop Insured**

All papaya trees are insurable if there is a premium rate provided by the actuarial documents in which you have a share and:

- Are grown to produce a crop intended to be sold for human consumption;
- We inspect and accept the orchard; and
- You provide evidence of at least 4 consecutive crop years of experience growing the crop excluding year set out.

## 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+

\*Nine month old trees may be insured upon request. Please contact a crop insurance agent.

#### **Counties Available**

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

#### **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.

#### **Insurance Period**

Insurance attaches January 1 for carryover policies and 30 days after we receive your application for new policies, but no earlier than January 1. The insurance period ends the earlier of:

- 1) December 31; or
- 2) When we determine the total destruction of the insured trees on the unit.

#### **Important Dates**

Sales Closing	December 31
Acreage Report Due	February 15

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

You can select coverage levels from 50 to 75 percent of the reference maximum price per tree. Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is also available and offers a 50-percent coverage level. Claims payments are paid at 55-percent of the established price.

#### **Tree Reference Maximum Price**

Value used to calculate your premium and indemnity.

Growth Stage Year 2	\$10 per tree
Growth Stage Year 3	\$10 per tree

#### **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. You will have to pay a \$30 application fee for higher premium amounts. 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.

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**

Assume 500 papaya trees in Honolulu, 75-percent coverage, a reference price of \$10 per tree for growth stage year 2, and 300 trees are dead after a hurricane.

#### <u>Step 1</u>

500	Total insured trees
<u>x \$10</u>	Tree reference price at stage 2
\$5,000	Value of insured trees

#### Step 2

300	Total dead trees
<u>x \$10</u>	Tree reference price at stage 2
\$3,000	Value of dead trees

#### Step 3

3,000	Value of dead trees
$\div 5,000$	Value of insured trees
60%	Damage
1.0 - 0.75 25%	6
60%	Percent of Established Price
- <u>25%</u>	Deductible
35%	Loss

- \$5,000 Value of insured trees
- <u>x 35%</u> Loss
- \$1,750 Indemnity

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

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