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# 2013 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

# **Tropical Fruit Pilot** Hawaii - Papaya

# **Crop Insured**

All papaya grown for fresh market, in which you have a share, and for which a premium rate is provided by the actuarial documents is insurable if:

- Grown to produce a crop intended to be sold for human consumption;
- Orchard is inspected and RMA considers it acceptable; and
- Papaya acreage is more than 12 months old and less than 4 years old on May 31 of the crop year before (unless otherwise stated in the Special Provisions).

Tree age (growth stage) will be determined on May 31 using the following table:

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

## **Counties Available**

Papaya is insurable in Hawaii, Kauai, Honolulu and Maui counties in Hawaii.

#### 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

## **Important Dates**

Sales Closing	. May 31
Acreage Report Due	July 15

## **Insurance Period**

Insurance attaches June 1 for carryover policies and 30 days after we receive your application for a new insurance policy, but no earlier than June 1. The insurance period ends the earlier of May 31 of the following calendar year; or upon our determination of the total destruction of insured crop on the unit.

# **Price Election**

The price used to calculate your premium and indemnity

 Papaya.....
 \$0.414 per pound

# **Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies**

Yields are based on actual production records reported to your insurance agent. You can select coverage levels from 50 to 75 percent of your average yield or Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage equal to 50 percent of your approved average yield and 55 percent of the price of each crop.

# **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.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Unless recommended wildlife control measures have not been taken.

## **Loss Example**

Assume 65-percent coverage, 100-percent share, and an average yield of 30,000 pounds per acre.

- 30,000 Pounds per acre average yield
- <u>x.65</u> Coverage level percentage
- 19,500 Pounds per acre guarantee
- <u>-13,000</u> Pounds per acre actually produced
- 6,500 Pounds per acre loss
- $\underline{x \$.410}$  Price election, per pound
- \$2,665 Gross indemnity per acre

## 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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