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# Almonds California

## **Crop Insured**

All almonds in the county can be insured if grown in an orchard where at least 90 percent of the trees have reached their sixth growing season after being set out. You must insure all your almonds in a county at the same coverage level. Orchards may be insured as a separate unit if located on non-contiguous land.

## **Counties Available**

Almonds are insurable in Butte, Colusa, Fresno, Glenn, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tulare, Yolo and Yuba counties. Almonds in other counties may be insurable by written agreement if specific criteria are met. Contact a crop insurance agent for more details.

## Causes of Loss

You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions;
- Earthquake: ٠
- Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured peril during the insurance year;
- Fire: ٠
- Insects or plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures;
- Volcanic eruption; or
- Wildlife.

#### Insurance Period

Coverage begins on January 1 for the first insurance year and ends no later than November 30 of the same year or at the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

- Total destruction of the crop; ٠
- Harvest of the crop; •
- Abandonment of the crop; or
- Final adjustment of a loss.

#### Important Dates

Sales Closing/Cancellation	December 31, 2013
Acreage/Production Reporting	March 15, 2014
Premium Billing	August 15, 2014
Termination	.December 31, 2014

#### Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

The production guarantee of almond meats are measured in pounds. The weight of almonds sold inshell are converted to meat pounds using sample shelling percentages when available or USDA shellout factors. Individual approved average yields are calculated from 4 to 10 years of production records you give to your insurance agents. Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your approved yield. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown in the following table. For example, if you choose the 65-percent coverage level, your premium share would be 41 percent of the base premium.

Item	Percent							
Coverage Level	50	55	60	65	70	75		
Premium Subsidy	67	64	64	59	59	55		
Your Premium Share	33	36	36	41	41	45		

Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is fixed at 50 percent of your approved yield and 55 percent of the price election. CAT is 100-percent subsidized with no premium cost to you. There is, however, an administrative fee of \$300 per crop per county, regardless of the acreage.

## **Price Election**

The price used to calculate your premium and indemnity.

Almonds.....\$2.00 per pound

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 65-percent coverage, 100-percent price election of \$2.00 per pound, an average yield of 2,400 pounds per acre, and 100-percent share.

- 2400 Pounds per acre average yield
- <u>x 0.65</u> Coverage level percentage
- 1560 Pounds per acre guarantee
- <u>- 400</u> Pounds per acre actually produced
- 1160 Pounds per acre loss
- <u>x \$2.00</u> Price election
- \$ 2320 Gross indemnity per acre

Price used above is 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 at all USDA service centers and on the RMA website at: www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/agents/.

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