

## Davis Regional Office — Davis, CA

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# Cotton(ELS) California

### Crop Insured

All the acres of extra long staple (ELS) cotton lint planted in a county must be insured. However, insuring one type of cotton does not require insuring all types. For example, you may decide to insure all pima cotton acreage and none of the upland acreage.

### Counties Available

Cotton (ELS Pima) is insurable in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Merced and Tulare counties. Cotton 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;
- Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured peril during the insurance year;
- Fire;
- Insects or plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures;
- Volcanic eruption; or
- Wildlife.

### Insurance Period

Coverage begins when the crop is planted and ends the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

- Total destruction of the crop on a unit;
- Abandonment of the crop;
- Final adjustment of a loss on a unit; or
- January 31.

### Important Dates

Sales Closing/Cancellation.....February 28, 2014  
Acreage/Production Reporting.....July 15, 2014  
Premium Billing.....August 15, 2014  
Termination.....February 28, 2015

### Definitions

**Approved Yield-** Your actual production history (APH) yield is used to determine your approved average yield. The APH yield is based on up to 10 years of actual and/or assigned yields.

**Price Election-** The price used to calculate your premium or indemnity. Only one price election may be selected for all your cotton in a county. Please contact your crop insurance agent for specific prices available.

**Production Guarantee-** Number of pounds guaranteed that is determined by multiplying your average APH yield by the coverage level percentage you elect and by your planted acres.

### Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

The guarantee is production measured in pounds of cotton. Insurance amounts are based on your production history. Your approved average yield is calculated from 4 to 10 years of production records you give to your insurance agent. Coverage levels range from 50 to 85 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							
	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85
Coverage Level	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85
Premium Subsidy	67	64	64	59	59	55	48	38
Your Premium Share	33	36	36	41	41	45	52	62

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.

## Endorsement

**Cottonseed Pilot Endorsement-** Offers yield coverage for cottonseed as an optional endorsement available only for cotton policies at coverage levels higher than CAT. It is designed to integrate seamlessly with the cotton lint program rules and procedures. The cottonseed guarantee is set as a ratio of the cotton lint guarantee on the policy.

## Prevented Planting

These provisions provide reduced protection on acreage that cannot be planted by the final planting date.

## Loss Example

A claim can be filed whenever production falls short of the guarantee you select. The amount of a loss is determined by multiplying the production shortfall by the pre-selected price.

Assume a yield of 1,500 pounds per acre, 75-percent coverage level on 100 acres of cotton, selected price of \$1.30 per pound, one basic unit, and 100-percent share.

### Yield Protection Example

1500	Pounds per acre average yield (APH)
x 0.75	Coverage level
<hr/> 1125	Pounds per acre guarantee
- 500	Pounds per acre actually produced
<hr/> 625	Pounds per acre loss
x \$1.30	Price election
<hr/> <b>\$ 812.50</b>	<b>Indemnity per acre paid</b>

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/](http://www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/agents/).

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