

Davis Regional Office - Davis, CA

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Safflower

California

Crop Insured

All types of safflower planted for harvest as safflower seed can be insured. Both irrigated and non-irrigated production practices are insurable. Safflower planted on land on which safflower, sunflowers, beans, mustard, lentils, or rapeseed were grown the crop year before is not insurable.

Counties Available

Safflower is insurable in Butte, Colusa, Fresno, Kings, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Solano, Sutter, Tehama, Tulare, Yolo and Yuba counties. Safflower in other counties may be insurable by written agreement if specific criteria are met. Contact an 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

Insurance coverage begins when your safflower crop is planted.

Insurance coverage ends at the earliest of:

- Total destruction of safflower;
- Final adjustment;
- Harvest of the unit; or
- October 31.

Important Dates

Sales Closing/Cancellation.....December 31, 2014
Final Planting Date
Fresno, Kings, and Tulare.....March 1, 2014
Other Counties.....April 30, 2014
Acreage/Production Reporting.....July 15, 2014
Premium Billing.....August 15, 2014
Termination.....December 31, 2014

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

The insurance guarantee is production measured in pounds of safflower. Individual insurance amounts are based on your past production and planted acres. You will be asked to provide 4 to 10 years of actual yield history. Your average yield will be calculated from the history you provide. 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					
	50	55	60	65	70	75
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.

Safflower.....\$0.228 per pound

Loss Example

Assume 75-percent coverage, 100-percent price election of \$0.228 per pound, an average yield of 800 pounds per acre, and 100-percent share.

800	Pounds per acre average yield
<u>x 0.75</u>	Coverage level percentage
600	Pounds per acre guarantee
<u>- 200</u>	Pounds per acre actually produced
400	Pounds per acre loss
<u>x \$.228</u>	Price election
\$ 91.20	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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