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Strawberry Pilot - Florida

Crop Insured

The crop insured will be all strawberries in the county for which premium rates are provided by the actuarial documents:

- in which you have a share;
- that are of varieties adapted to the area;
- that are grown as an annual;
- that are transplanted;
- that are irrigated;
- that are grown for commercial sale; and
- that are grown by a person who managed a farm, in at least three of the five previous crop years, that produced at least 10,000 pounds of strawberries per acre.

We will not insure (1) any acreage that does not meet the cultural requirements contained in the special provisions, or (2) any acreage planted prior to the earliest planting date. See your insurance agent about additional acreage limitations.

Counties Available

Hillsborough
Manatee

Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions
Earthquake
Failure of irrigation water supply¹
Fire
Insects²
Plant disease³
Volcanic eruption
Wildlife

¹If caused by an insured peril during the insurance period. ²But not damage due to insufficient or improper application of pest control measures. ³But not damage due to insufficient or improper application of disease control measures.

Insurance Period

Coverage begins when the crop is planted and ends at the earliest of (1) total destruction of the crop, (2) discontinuance of harvest of the crop, (3) the date harvest should have started on any acreage which will not be harvested, (4) final adjustment of a loss, (5) abandonment of the crop, (6) final harvest of the unit, or March 31.

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report— You must report all acreage of the crop in which you have a share to your agent by the acreage report date. The report must also include the cultural requirements carried out, the results of any required tests and the strawberry acreage grown in the most recent crop year.

Notice of Loss—See your insurance agent for detailed requirements.

Important Dates

Sales Closing	August 31
Earliest Planting.....	September 26
Acreage Reporting	November 25
Premium Billing	July 1
Cancellation/Termination	August 31

Definitions

Allowable Cost—The dollar amount per pound for harvesting and handling stated in the special provisions and used in calculating the value of harvested production in the event of a claim.

Cancellation Date—The calendar date specified in the crop provisions on which coverage for the crop will automatically renew unless canceled in writing by either you or us or terminated in accordance with the policy terms.

Crop Year—The period from the date insurance attaches until harvest is normally completed, which is designated by the calendar year in which the majority of the strawberries are normally harvested.

Minimum Value—A dollar amount specified in the special provisions that is used to value marketable production.

Reference Maximum Dollar Amount—The dollar amount set in the actuarial tables that is used in calculating the dollar coverage amount per acre for the insurance guarantee.

Insurance Guarantee—A dollar amount of insurance per acre that is determined by multiplying the reference maximum dollar amount by the coverage level and by any applicable insurance limit.

Insurance Limit—A percentage amount (not to exceed 100) that is calculated by dividing your highest pounds-per-acre yield produced during the previous three years by 27,500 pounds.

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage level options range from 50 to 75 percent of reference maximum dollar amount per acre shown on the FCI-35 (coverage and rate table). Premiums are subsidized as shown in the table below. As an example, if the reference maximum dollar amount is \$9,900, the 65-percent coverage level, with no additional insurance limits, results in a \$6,435 guarantee per acre.

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 (CAT) coverage is fixed at 50 percent of average 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 \$100 per county, regardless of the acreage.

Modified Minimum Value Option

For an increase in premium due, you may elect optional minimum values, as specified in the special provisions, to be used in valuing marketable production in the event of a loss.

Loss Example

The following loss example is based on an elected coverage level of 75 percent of the reference maximum amount, a reference maximum of \$9,900, a 90-percent insurance limit resulting from past production of 24,750 pounds per acre, current production of 9,000 pounds per acre, and an average sales price of \$.95 per pound.

$$\begin{array}{r} 24,750 \text{ Previous pounds per acre production} \\ \div 27,500 \text{ Reference pounds per acre} \\ \hline .90 \text{ Insurance limit} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \$9,900 \text{ Reference maximum} \\ \times .75 \text{ Coverage level election} \\ \hline \underline{x .90 \text{ Insurance limit}} \\ \$6,683 \text{ Insurance guarantee per acre} \end{array}$$

Allowable costs: \$.47 per pound

$$\begin{array}{r} \$ 6,683 \text{ Insurance guarantee per acre} \\ - 4,320 \text{ Production to count (9,000 pounds sold} \\ \text{at $.95 per pound—$.47 per pound} \\ \text{allowable cost)} \\ \hline \mathbf{\$ 2,363 \text{ Indemnity per acre}} \end{array}$$

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