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Fresh Market Sweet Corn Alabama, Florida, and Georgia

Crop Insured

The crop insured will be all the sweet corn in the county for which a premium rate is provide by actuarial documents—

- in which you have a share;
- that is planted to be harvested and sold as fresh market sweet corn:
- that is planted within the planting periods designated in the actuarial documents;
- that is grown under an irrigated practice, unless otherwise provided in the actuarial documents; and
- is not grown for direct marketing, unless otherwise provided in the special provisions or by written agreement.

The insured must have grown sweet corn for commercial sale or have participated in managing a sweet corn farming operation in at least one of the previous three crop years. See policy provisions for more detailed information.

Counties Available

<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Florida</u>			
Baldwin	Broward			
	DeSoto	Miami-Dade		
Georgia	Glades	Orange		
Decatur	Hendry	Palm Beach		
Grady	Indian River	Suwannee		
Mitchell	Lake			

Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions

Earthquake

Failure of irrigation water supply¹

Fire

Insects²

Plant disease³

Wildlife

Volcanic eruption

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 usually begins when the sweet corn is planted and ends at the earliest of :

- (1) total destruction of the sweet corn on the unit;
- (2) the date harvest should have started on the unit on any acreage that will not be harvested;
- (3) abandonment of the sweet corn on the unit;
- (4) final harvest:
- (5) final adjustment of a loss on the unit; or
- (6) 100 days after the date of planting or replanting, unless otherwise provided in the special provisions.

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report—You must report to your insurance provider on or before the acreage reporting date. See your insurance agent for detailed requirements.

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

Important Dates

	Sales Closing		
Alabama	.February 15		
Florida	July 31		
Georgia	.July 31		
(Contact your insurance agent for other important dates.)			

Definitions

Allowable Cost — The dollar amount per container for harvesting, packing, and handling as shown in the special provisions.

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. **Container**—The unit for measurement for the insured crop which is defined as 42 pounds.

Harvest—The separation of ears of sweet corn from the plant by hand or machine,.

Insurance Guarantee—A dollar amount of insurance per acre that is determined by multiplying the reference maximum dollar amount by the coverage level. The percent of the insurance guarantee that is in-force will be dependent on the plant growth stage (see your insurance agent for details).

Minimum Value—The dollar amount per container shown in the special provisions to be used to value marketable production to count.

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.

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage level options range from 50 to 75 percent of the 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 \$1,325, the 65-percent coverage level results in a \$861.25 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 equal to 55 percent of the dollar amount of coverage at the 50-percent coverage level. CAT is 100 percent subsidized with no premium cost to you except for an administrative fee of \$100 per county, regardless of the acreage.

Replant Provisions

A replanting payment may be allowed if, due to an insured cause of loss, more than 25 percent of the plant stand will not produce sweet corn and it is still practical to replant. See your insurance agent for more information.

Loss Example

This loss example is based sweet corn planted in Florida with a reference maximum dollar amount of \$1,325 and a loss occurring in the final stage of production. At the 65-percent coverage level there, is an \$861.25 insurance guarantee per acre. The example assumes an average production of 100 containers per acre sold at an average price of \$10 each. Subtracting the allowable cost of \$3.45 leaves a net value of \$6.55 per container.

- \$ 3.45 Allowable cost per 42 pound crate
- 861.25 Amount of dollar coverage elected per acre
 -655.00 Sold production per acre is 100 containers at
 \$6.55 each (\$10 price \$3.45 allowable cost)
- \$206.25 Indemnity per acre

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