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# Cabbage (Pilot)

# Florida, Georgia

# **Crop Insured**

The crop insured will be all the green or red cabbage grown in the county for which you have a share, and that are:

- Planted with inspected transplants (non-hybrid seed is permitted by the special provisions);
- Planted within the planting periods designated in the special provisions;
- Planted for harvest as marketable cabbage for fresh market; and
- Grown on acreage that meets the rotation requirements of the special provisions and is not interplanted with another crop.

Note: Direct-market cabbage is insurable. Savoy cabbage and Chinese cabbage, including other oriental greens, are not insurable. Cabbage marketed as coleslaw will be considered to be fresh-market cabbage.

#### **Counties Available**

**Florida**: Alachua, Flagler, Hillsborough, Manatee, Putnam, and St. Johns

Georgia: Brooks, Colquitt, Rabun, Tift, and Toombs

#### **Causes of Loss**

Adverse weather conditions
Earthquake
Failure of irrigation water supply<sup>1</sup>
Fire
Insects<sup>2</sup>
Plant disease<sup>3</sup>
Volcanic eruption
Wildlife

Note: We will not insure against damage or loss of production due to quarantine, boycott, refusal of buyer to accept production, or any other failure to market the cabbage for any reason other than actual physical damage from an insured cause of loss; or damage that occurs or becomes evident after the end of the insurance period, including damage that occurs or becomes evident after the cabbage has been placed in storage.

#### **Insurance Period**

Coverage begins the date the cabbage is planted within the planting period and ends at the earlier of:

- total destruction of the crop,
- final adjustment of a loss on a unit.
- harvest of the crop,
- abandonment of the crop, or
- the date specified in the policy or the special provisions for the specific area and planting period.

### **Reporting Requirements**

Acreage Report—An acreage report is due to your insurance agent by the acreage reporting date to include all acreage (insurable and uninsurable) in the county in which you have a share.

Notice of Loss—In the event of a loss, you must: (1) Protect the crop from further damage by providing sufficient care; (2) notify your agent within 72 hours of your initial discovery of damage and within 15 days prior to harvest; (3) not dispose of or sell the damaged crop, or store the insured crop before an appraisal is made; and (4) notify your agent at least 15 days before any production from any unit will be sold by direct marketing. Also, if damage is discovered within 15 days of harvest, or during harvest, you must leave representative samples intact for each field of the damaged unit.

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

# **Important Dates**

#### Florida:

Sales Closing	August 15
Acreage Reporting (Fall Planted)	November 15
Acreage Reporting (Winter Planted)	December 31
Acreage Reporting (Spring Planted)	March 1
Premium Billing	June 1

### Georgia:

Sales Closing	July 1
Acreage Reporting (Fall Planted)	
Acreage Reporting (Spring Planted)	March 15
Premium Billing	May 1

Note: Contact your crop insurance agent for a listing of additional important dates.

### **Definitions**

**Production Guarantee**— Number of hundredweight guaranteed per acre, determined by multiplying your average yield (based on your records) times the coverage level you elect.

**Cancellation/Termination**— The date specified in the crop provisions which this contract may be cancelled or terminated by either you or us by giving written notice.

# **Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies**

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your average yield. For example, an average yield of 180 cwt per acre would result in a guarantee of 135 cwt per acre at the 75-percent coverage level. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown in the following table. For example, if you select the 75-percent coverage level, your premium share would be 45 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 (CAT) coverage is fixed at 50 percent of your 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 \$300 per crop per county, regardless of the acreage.

## **Replant Provisions**

A replanting payment is allowed if the crop is damaged by an insurable cause to the extent that the remaining stand will not produce at least 90 percent of your production guarantee for the acreage and it is practical to replant. See you insurance agent for detailed requirements for this replant coverage.

# **Loss Example**

This example is based on 65-percent coverage level, 100-percent price election, 400 hundredweight (cwt) per acre average yield, and production to count of 180 cwt on a one-acre unit in Florida.

400	Cwt per acre average yield
<u>x .65</u>	Coverage level percentage
260	Cwt per acre guarantee
- 180	Cwt per acre actual production
80	Cwt per acre loss
x \$10.00	Price election
\$ 800	Indemnity per acre

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