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# 2012 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

# Sugarcane

# Florida

# **Crop Insured**

The crop insured will be all the sugarcane in the county in which you have a share, that is grown for processing for sugar or for seed and is not interplanted with another crop. Sugarcane is uninsurable if it was damaged the previous crop year to the extent the sugarcane is unable to produce the yield used to establish the current crop year production guarantee for the unit.

#### **Counties Available**

Glades Martin Hendry Palm Beach

#### 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

#### **Insurance Period**

Coverage begins:

- (1) At the later of the time of planting for plant cane or the date the application is accepted;
- (2) On the first day following harvest of the previous crop for stubble cane that was undamaged during the crop year; or
- (3) On the later of April 15 or 30 days following harvest of the previous crop for stubble cane that was damaged during the crop year.

Coverage ends on April 30th. See your crop insurance agent for additional details.

### **Reporting Requirements**

**Acreage Report**—You must report to your agent all acres of the crop in which you have a share by the acreage reporting date.

**Notice of Loss**— In the event of damage or loss, you must:

- (1) Protect the crop from further damage by providing sufficient care;
- (2) Leave stubble intact for inspection;
- (3) Give at least 15 days notice before cutting any sugarcane for seed; and
- (4) Leave representative samples intact that are at least 10 feet wide and extend the entire length of each field in the damaged unit if damage discovered within 15 days of, or during, harvest.

#### **Important Dates**

Sales Closing	September 30, 2011
Acreage Reporting	May 31, 2012
Premium Billing	January 1, 2013
Cancellation	September 30, 2011
Termination	September 30, 2013

#### **Definitions**

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.

**Harvest**—Cutting and removing the mature sugarcane from the field.

**Plant Cane**—The insured crop which grows from seed planted for the current crop year.

**Price Election**—The value per pound of sugar for the purpose of determining premium and indemnity under the policy.

<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.

**Stubble Cane**—The insured crop which grows from the stubble of sugar cane that was harvested the previous crop year.

# **Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies**

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your approved actual production history (APH) yield. For example, at the 75-percent coverage level, an approved yield of 6,000 pounds of raw sugar per acre would result in a production guarantee of 4,500 pounds of raw sugar per acre. 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.

## Loss Example

This example assumes an approved APH yield of 6,000 pounds of raw sugar per acre, a 75-percent coverage level election, a 100-percent price election, a 100-percent price election, a production to count of 2,000 pounds of raw sugar due to an insurable cause of loss, and a one-acre unit.

6000	Pounds per acre average yield
<u>x .75</u>	Coverage level election
4500	Pounds per acre guarantee
-2000	Pounds per acre actual production
2500	Pounds per acre loss
x \$ .1235	Price election
\$308.75	Indemnity per acre

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