**Crop Insured**

Pickling cucumbers are insurable if:
- They are planted for machine harvest;
- They are grown under the requirements of a green shipper or processor production contract executed by the acreage reporting date;
- You have a share; and
- They meet the rotation requirements in the special provisions.

Cucumbers interplanted with another crop or planted into established grasses or legumes are not insurable.

**Counties Available**

**Alabama** - Houston County.

**Florida** - Jackson County.

**Causes of Loss**

You are protected against the following:
- Adverse weather conditions, including natural perils such as hail, frost, freeze, wind, drought, and excess precipitation;
- Earthquake;
- Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured peril during the insurance period;
- Fire;
- Insect damage or plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures;
- Volcanic eruption; or
- Wildlife.

The policy does not insure against loss of production from acreage bypassed due to the breakdown or non-operation of equipment or facilities; cucumbers not being timely harvested, unless such delay in harvesting is solely due to an insured cause of loss; or the failure to follow the requirements in the production contract.

**Insurance Period**

Coverage begins at planting. Insurance ends with the earliest occurrence of one of the following:
- The date the pickling cucumbers were destroyed, abandoned, harvested, or should have been harvested but were not harvested;
- The date you harvest sufficient production to fulfill your production contract;
- Final adjustment of a loss;
- July 31 for spring planted cucumbers; or
- November 15 for summer planted cucumbers.

**Important Dates**

**Alabama and Florida**

Sales Closing Date .................. February 28, 2018
Earliest Planting Date (spring)...........March 10, 2018
Final Planting Date (spring) ............. June 10, 2018
Acreage Reporting Date (spring) ...... July 15, 2018
Earliest Planting Date (summer) ....... August 1, 2018
Final Planting Date (summer) .... September 15, 2018
Acreage Reporting Date (summer) . October 15, 2018
Termination Date..................February 28, 2019

**Reporting Requirements**

**Acreage Report** - You must report all acres of your pickling cucumbers, in which you have a share in the county, and report and submit a copy of all your production contracts to your crop insurance agent on or before the appropriate acreage reporting date.

**Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss**

**Notice of Loss** - If a loss occurs you should:
- Protect the crop from further damage by providing sufficient care;
- Notify your crop insurance agent within 48 hours of total destruction of the crop on the unit, or discontinuance of harvest of the crop on a unit on which unharvested production remains;
- Provide documentation to your crop insurance agent for the reason the acreage was bypassed.
within 72 hours after the date harvest should have started; and

- Leave representative samples for each field of the damaged unit intact until inspected by the insurance company or until 15 days after completion of harvest on the remainder of the unit, whichever is earlier, and written notice of loss is provided.

Definitions

**Base Contract Price** - Price per bushel for each cucumber size grade stipulated in the production contract for the current crop year and that is used to determine your price election. Base contract prices do not include any price for off-grade production.

**Green Shipper** - Any business enterprise regularly engaged in buying cucumbers, that possesses all licenses and permits required by the State in which it operates, and that possesses facilities, or has contractual access to facilities, for cleaning and sorting cucumbers prior to delivery to a processor.

**Off-grade** - Production including, but not limited to, cucumbers that are misshapen, broken, or have a base contract price less than the amount specified in the Special Provisions. Off-grade production does not include culls.

**Production Contract** - An agreement, in writing, between the producer and a green shipper or processor, containing at a minimum:

- The producer’s commitment to plant and grow cucumbers and to deliver the production to the green shipper or processor;
- The green shipper's or processor’s commitment to purchase all the production stated in the production contract; and
- A base contract price for each cucumber size grade stipulated in the production contract.

**Price Elections**

The price used to calculate your premium or indemnity is the price provided in your production contract, up to $9.10 per bushel in Alabama and Florida.

**Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies**

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your average yield and are subsidized as shown below. Your share of the premium will be 100 percent minus the subsidy amount. For example, if you choose the 75-percent coverage level, the premium subsidy is 55 percent. Your premium share is 45 percent of the base premium (100 - 55 = 45 percent). If you have an average actual production history (APH) yield of 150 bushels per acre, choosing the 75-percent coverage level results in a guarantee of 113 bushels per acre.

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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 an administrative fee of $300 per crop per county, regardless of the acreage.

**Loss Example**

Assume pickling cucumbers with an approved yield of 150 bushels per acre, 75-percent coverage level, 100-percent share, $9.10 contract price and a one-acre basic unit. Due to an insurable cause of loss, the production-to-count is 80 bushels.

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150 \text{ Bushels per acre approved yield} \\
\times 0.75 \quad \text{Coverage level percentage} \\
- 80 \quad \text{Bushels actual production} \\
\quad 33 \quad \text{Bushels loss per acre} \\
\times 9.10 \quad \text{Production Contract Price} \\
$300.30 \quad \text{Indemnity per acre}
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**Where to Buy Crop Insurance**

All multi-peril crop insurance, including CAT policies, are available from private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA service centers and on the RMA website at [www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html).

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