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# 2009 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

# Soybeans Illinois Indiana

Michigan

Ohio

### **Crop Insured**

The crop insured is all of the soybeans in the county planted for harvest as beans for which a premium rate is provided. This fact sheet does not cover soybean revenue products that are currently available.

#### **Counties Available**

See your crop insurance agent for a listing of eligible counties. In counties where premium rates are not provided by an actuarial table, the crop may be insurable by written agreement if specific criteria are met.

## Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions Earthquake Failure of irrigation water supply, if applicable, due to an unavoidable cause of loss occurring within the insurance period Fire Insects\* Plant disease\* Volcanic eruption Wildlife

All specified causes of loss must be due to a naturally occurring event. \*But not damage due to insufficient or improper application of pest or disease control measures.

#### **Insurance Period**

Coverage begins at the time of planting and ends the earliest of: (1) total destruction of the crop; (2) combining or threshing of the soybeans; (3) final adjustment of a loss; (4) abandonment of the crop on the unit; or (5) December 10.

# **Reporting Requirements**

Acreage Report—You must report to your insurance provider all acreage of the insured crop in the county in which you have a share, the practice, and your share at the time of planting.

### Important Dates

| Sales Closing  | March 15         |
|----------------|------------------|
| Final Planting | Varies by county |
| Acreage Report | July 15          |
| Cancellation   | March 15         |
|                |                  |

### **Definitions**

Production Guarantees - Number of bushels guaranteed per acre determined by multiplying your approved yield per acre times the coverage level percentage you elect. Yields are based on actual production history (APH) records reported to your insurance provider.

#### **Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies**

The soybean policy guarantees a certain amount of production, depending on the level of coverage selected. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown below. For example, if you select the 75percent coverage level, the premium subsidy is 55 percent and your premium share is 45 percent of the base premium.

| ltem               | Percent |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------------|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Coverage<br>Level  | 50      | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 75 | 80 | 85 |
| Premium<br>Subsidy | 67      | 64 | 64 | 59 | 59 | 55 | 48 | 38 |
| Your<br>Share      | 33      | 36 | 36 | 41 | 41 | 45 | 52 | 62 |

The total cost for CAT coverage will be an administrative fee of \$300 per crop per county, regardless of the acreage. All other coverage levels require a \$30.00 administrative fee.

This fact sheet gives only a general overview of the crop insurance program and is not a complete policy. For further information and an evaluation of your risk management needs, contact a crop insurance agent.

### **Price Elections**

Price at which you are compensated per bushel in the event of a loss, based on the percentage of established price you have selected. Price election percentage choices for this crop year are 55 percent to 100 percent of the price shown below.

#### **Established Price:**

\$9.90 per bushel

\*No additional price set for 2009 crop year.

#### **Insurance Units**

**Basic Unit:** A basic unit includes all of your insurable soybean acreage in the county by share arrangement. Premiums are reduced 10 percent for a basic unit.

**Optional Unit:** If a basic unit consists of two or more sections of land, and certain record keeping requirements are met, you may apply for optional units by section. The 10-percent premium discount will not apply.

**Enterprise Unit:** Generally, all the insured crop acreage in a county. Premium discounts apply. **Whole Farm Unit:** Generally all the insured crops in the county that are covered by the insurance plan. Premium discounts apply.

#### **Plans of Insurance**

Actual Production History (APH) — Production guarantee based on **individual** yield history. Optional and basic units are available.

**Crop Revenue Coverage** (CRC) — APH plus price protection with option, basic, and enterprise units. **Group Risk Plan** (GRP) — Insures against **widespread** loss of production based on **county average** yields. No individual loss protection available.

#### Group Risk Income Protection (GRIP) —

Combines GRP with price protection to insure against **widespread** loss of revenue due to a combination of low yields and/or low prices. No individual protection available.

**Income Protection** (IP) — APH plus price protection with enterprise units only. (limited availability) **Revenue Assurance** (RA) — APH plus price protection with optional, basic, enterprise, and whole farm units.

# **Replant Provisions**

A replanting payment is available if we determine it is practical to replant on a unit and our appraisal does not exceed 90 percent of your guarantee and you replant at least 20 acres or 20 percent of the unit. The replanting payment will be the lesser of 20 percent of the bushel guarantee or 3 bushels times your price election, multiplied by your share. Replant payments are **not available** on the catastrophic risk protection endorsement.

# Late and Prevented Planting

These provisions provide protection on eligible acreage that is planted late or that cannot be planted by the final planting date or within the 25-day lateplanting period. Please consult your crop insurance provider for further details.

# Loss Example

A loss occurs when crop production falls below the guaranteed bushel amount as a result of damage from a covered cause of loss. This example assumes 75-percent coverage level and a 100-percent price election of \$9.90 and an average APH yield of 40 bushels per acre with .667 share.

**APH** yield x coverage level x unit acres production x price election x share

| 40              | Bushels APH yield          |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| <u>x .75</u>    | Coverage level             |
| 30              | Bushels per acre guarantee |
| <u>x 45</u>     | Acres                      |
| 1,350           | Bushels unit guarantee     |
| - 350           | Bushels production         |
| 1,000           | Bushels loss               |
| <u>x \$9.90</u> | Price election             |
| \$9,900         | Unit indemnity             |
| <u>x .667</u>   | Share                      |
| \$6,603         | Final indemnity            |

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