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2013 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

Hybrid Seed Corn

Illinois Indiana Michigan Ohio

What crop is insurable?

You can insure the female parent hybrid seed corn plants:

- grown in the county on insurable acreage,
- for which premium rates are provided,
- in which you have a share,
- that are grown under processor contract executed by the acreage reporting date,
- that are planted for harvest as commercial hybrid seed in accordance with the requirements of the hybrid seed corn processor contract.

- inadequate germination, or
- failing to plant the male parent plant seed at a time or in a manner sufficient to assure adequate pollination of the female parent plants.

When am I protected by insurance?

Insurance coverage begins on the later of:

- the date your application is accepted, or
- upon completion of planting of the female parent plant seed and the male parent plant seed.

What dates should I be aware of?

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

Insurance coverage ends at the earliest of:

- total destruction of the crop,
- harvest of the crop,
- final adjustment of a loss,
- abandonment of the crop, or
- October 31.

What am I required to report?

You must report all of your hybrid seed corn acreage, production and any losses, when evident, to your insurance agent. Also include the locations, types and varieties for all insurable acreage, and certification that you have a hybrid seed corn processor contract in effect and report the amount of any minimum guaranteed payment.

What am I protected against?

You are protected against the following causes of loss:

- Adverse weather
- Failure of irrigation water supply
- Fire
- Insect damage and/or plant disease*
- Wildlife

How much of my premium is subsidized?

Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown in the following table. For example, if you select the 75-percent coverage level, the premium subsidy is 55 percent and your premium share is 45 percent of the base premium.

Item	Percent							
Coverage Level	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85
Premium Subsidy	67	64	64	59	59	55	48	38
Your Share	33	36	36	41	41	45	52	62

*Unless you have insufficiently or improperly applied pest or disease control measures.

What am I NOT protected against?

You are not protected against the following causes of loss:

- using unadapted, incompatible, or genetically deficient male or female parent plant seed,
- frost or freeze after: Illinois - October 15; Indiana - October 10; Michigan - October 10; Ohio - October 10 or 15 (varies by county),
- failing to follow the requirements stated in the hybrid seed corn processor contract and production management practices of the seed company,

What are my coverage options?

Dollar Plan: Your guarantee is a yield-based dollar amount of coverage. We set the maximum amount of coverage allowed and you pick the percent-level of coverage you would like to insure.

However, you may apply for a written agreement to insure your hybrid seed corn as corn under the following group plans of insurance:

Group Risk Plan (GRP): Insures against widespread loss of production based on county average yields.

Group Risk Income Protection (GRIP): Combines GRP with price protection to insure against widespread loss of revenue due to a combination of low county average yields and/or low prices.

What are some options for my policy?

Hybrid Seed Price Endorsement: Allows you to use the higher of the price established by RMA, or the February 2013 average daily settlement price for the Chicago Board of Trade December 2013 corn futures contract price.

How can I insure my acreage?

Basic Unit: If your processor contract specifies the number of acres to be planted, a basic unit includes all your insurable hybrid seed corn acreage in the county by share arrangement. If the processor contract specifies the amount of production to be delivered, a basic unit includes all acreage planted to the insured crop in the county that will be used to fulfill contracts with each processor. Premiums are reduced 10 percent for a basic unit.

Optional Unit: If a basic unit consists of two or more sections of land and you meet record keeping requirements, you may apply for optional units by section. The 10-percent premium discount will not apply. Optional units are not available if the processor contract stipulates the amount of production to be delivered.

What if I am unable to plant or need to replant?

We do not offer replant payments for hybrid seed corn. If either the male or female parent plants are damaged before the final planting date and it was practical to replant and you do not, the acreage will not be insured. We will not consider it practical to replant unless you can deliver production from the replanted acreage under the terms of your hybrid seed corn processor contract or the seed company agrees that it will accept the production from the replanted acreage.

Late Planting Period: If you choose to plant after the final planting date, your insurance guarantee is reduced by one percent for each day after the final planting date. After 25 days, the guarantee is 60 percent.

Prevented Planting: You may receive a prevented planting payment if you are unable to plant on or before the final planting date because of an insurable cause.

Loss Example

A loss occurs when the crop value falls below the guaranteed dollar amount. This example uses the Dollar Plan and assumes a 65-percent coverage level and a price election of \$6.30 with .667 (2/3rds) share.

100	Bushels coverage level yield
x \$6.30	Price election
\$630	Amount of insurance per acre
x 100	Acres
\$63,000	Unit guarantee
- \$10,000	Production to count
\$53,000	Unit indemnity
x .667	Share
\$35,351	Final Indemnity

Where can I get a policy?

You can buy a crop insurance policy from approved participating insurance agents. You can get a list of agents at any USDA service center or on the RMA web site: <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/agents/>.

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