

## Springfield Regional Office — Springfield, IL

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# **Grain Sorghum**

### Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio

#### **Crop Insured**

You can insure grain sorghum if:

- It is grown on insurable acreage;
- Premium rates are provided;
- It is grown from hybrid seed;
- It is not a dual purpose type of grain sorghum (grown for both grain and forage);
- You have a share; and
- It is planted for harvest as grain.

#### **Counties Available**

Illinois - Adams, Alexander, Bond, Calhoun, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Greene, Hamilton, Hardin, Henderson, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jersey, Johnson, Lawrence, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Mason, Massac, Mercer, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, Shelby, St. Clair, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson counties.

Indiana – Daviess, Gibson, Greene, Jasper, Knox, Posey, Sullivan, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, and Vigo counties.

Ohio - Preble County.

#### **Causes of Loss**

You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather;
- Failure of irrigation water supply;
- Fire
- Insect damage and/or plant disease, unless you have insufficiently or improperly applied pest or disease control measures; or
- Wildlife.

#### **Insurance Period**

Insurance coverage begins on the later of:

- The date we accept your application; or
- The date you plant the grain sorghum.

Insurance coverage ends at the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

- Total destruction of the crop;
- Harvest of the crop;
- Final adjustment of a loss:
- Abandonment of the crop; or
- December 10, 2015.

#### **Important Dates**

Sales Closing/Cancellation	March 15, 2015
Final Planting	June 20, 2015
Acreage Report	July 15, 2015

#### **Reporting Requirements**

You must report all of your grain sorghum acreage, production and any losses, when evident, to your insurance agent.

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

Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown in the following table. Subsidy levels shown are the lowest available. Levels will vary based on individual policy selections. 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					
<b>Coverage Level</b>	50	55	60	65	70	75
<b>Premium Subsidy</b>	67	64	64	59	59	55
Your Share	33	36	36	41	41	45

#### **Projected and Harvest Prices**

**Projected Price -** Based on the Chicago Board of Trade December Futures Contract from February 1, 2015 to February 28, 2015.

Harvest Price - Based on the Chicago Board of Trade December Futures Contract from October 1, 2015 to October 31, 2015. Protects you when fall prices are

above the projected price.

#### **Coverage Options**

**Yield Protection -** Only protects against a production loss. The harvest price is not used.

**Revenue Protection -** Protects against loss of revenue due to a production loss, change in price or a combination of both.

#### **Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion -**

Protects against loss of revenue due to a production loss, price decline or a combination of both.

**Catastrophic Coverage (CAT)** - Pays 50 per cent of your average yield and 55 percent of the projected price.

## Replanting, Late, and Prevented Planting Replant Provisions

You may receive a replant payment if:

- It is practical to replant;
- The appraisal does not exceed 90 percent of your guarantee; and
- You replant at least 20 acres or 20 percent of the unit.

Replant payments are not available on CAT coverage.

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, your 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. Prevented planting is not available on CAT or ARPI policies.

#### **Loss Example**

This example assumes 75-percent coverage level on a Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion plan and an average yield of 100 bushels per acre with 100 percent share. The projected price is \$4.46 and the harvest price is \$3.37.

100	Average yield
0.75	C 1

 $\times 0.75$  Coverage level

75 Bushels per acre guarantee

<u>x 100</u> Acres

7,500 Bushels unit guarantee

x \$4.46 Projected price

\$33,450 Revenue protection guarantee

\$18,285	Final payment
<u>x 1.000</u>	Share
	Unit payment
<u>- \$15,165</u>	Value of bushels harvested
\$33,450	Revenue protection guarantee
\$15,165	Value of bushels harvested
	Harvest price
4,500	Actual bushels harvested

#### Where to Buy Crop Insurance

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 website: <a href="http://www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/agents/">http://www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/agents/</a>.

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