

Springfield Regional Office — Springfield, IL

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Machine Harvested Pickling Cucumber Pilot Illinois, Indiana and Michigan

Crop Insured

You can insure pickling cucumbers if:

- They are planted for machine harvest as pickling cucumbers;
- Premium rates are provided; and
- They are grown under, and in accordance with, a processor contract.

Counties Available

Illinois - Gallatin, Lawrence and White counties.

Indiana - Fulton, Knox, LaPorte, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph and Starke counties.

Michigan - Allegan, Arenac, Bay, Gladwin, Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ottawa, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Joseph and Tuscola counties.

Causes of Loss

You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions, which includes excessive moisture which prevents harvest and acres bypassed because weather conditions caused a large number of acres to be ready at the same time, exceeding processor capacity;
- Earthquake;
- Failure of irrigation water supply;
- Fire;
- Insect damage and/or plant disease, unless you have insufficiently or improperly applied pest or disease control measures;
- Volcanic eruption; or
- Wildlife.

Insurance Period

Coverage begins on the later of:

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

Coverage ends at the earliest of:

- Total destruction of the crop;
- Harvest of the crop;

- Final adjustment of a loss;
- Abandonment of the crop;
- July 31, 2016, for spring planted acreage in Illinois and Knox County, IN;
- October 15, 2016, for summer planted acreage in IL and Knox County, IN;
- August 15, 2016, for spring planted acreage in St. Joseph County, MI and all counties in IN except Knox;
- October 5, 2016, for summer planted acreage in St. Joseph County, MI and all counties in IN except Knox;
- September 20, 2016, for all MI counties except Allegan, Muskegon, Ottawa and St. Joseph; or
- September 30, 2016, in Allegan, Muskegon and Ottawa counties, MI.

Important Dates

Sales Closing/Cancellation March 15, 2016

Illinois

Final Planting (spring) May 31, 2016

Acreage Reporting (spring)..... June 15, 2016

Final Planting (summer) August 15, 2016

Acreage Reporting (summer)..... Sept 15, 2016

Indiana

Final Planting (spring) June 15, 2016

Acreage Reporting (spring)..... July 15, 2016

Final Planting (summer) August 5, 2016

Acreage Reporting (summer)..... August 15, 2016

Michigan

Final Planting Varies by County

Acreage Reporting Varies by County

Reporting Requirements

You must report all of your acreage, and provide a copy of your production contract, to your insurance agent by the acreage reporting date. You must notify your agent of any losses, in writing, when evident.

Insurance Plans

Actual Production History (APH) - the only plan of insurance available for pickling cucumbers. You choose the amount of your average yield you wish to

insure and the percent of the RMA predicted price. If your production falls below the yield insured, you are paid a loss.

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					
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

Replanting and Prevented Planting

Practical to Replant - Your company will determine if it is practical to replant. The processor must agree, in writing, to accept production from replanted acreage.

You may receive a replant payment if:

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

Late and prevented planting provisions do not apply.

Loss Example

Assume 100-percent share in 125 acres of pickling cucumbers. Your approved yield per acre is 193 bushels (bu), with a production guarantee of 144.8 bu per acre (75-percent coverage level) with a price election of \$7.48.

Production you harvested and sold:

Grade	Harvested Production	Base Contract Price	Total
2A	1,150 bu	\$7.00	\$8,050
2B	2,300 bu	\$7.50	\$17,250
3A	4,000 bu	\$7.50	\$30,000
3B	3,400 bu	\$6.90	<u>\$23,460</u>
		Grand Total	\$78,760

125	Acres
x 144.8	Production Guarantee
18,100	
x \$7.48	Price Election
\$135,388	Guarantee
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- \$78,760	Income from Production
\$56,628	Final payment

Where to Buy Crop Insurance

You can buy a crop insurance policy from an approved participating insurance agent. 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.

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