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2009 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

Fresh Market Sweet Corn

Colorado

Crop Insured

The crop insured will be all the sweet corn grown in the county on insurable acreage, for which premium rates are provided, in which you have a share, planted for harvest and sold as fresh market sweet corn, and has been grown by a person who in at least one of the three previous crop years grew sweet corn for commercial sale; or participated in managing a sweet corn farming operation.

Counties Available

Sweet corn is insurable in Adams, Boulder, Delta, Mesa, Montrose and Weld counties in Colorado. Fresh Market Sweet Corn in counties with no actuarial table are not insurable unless a written agreement is issued. See a crop insurance agent for details on requesting a written agreement.

Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions¹
Earthquake
Failure of irrigation water supply²
Fire³
Insects⁴
Plant disease⁴
Volcanic eruption
Wildlife

¹Such as hail, freeze, excess wind, excess rain, drought, and tornado.

²If caused by an insured cause of loss within the insurance period.

³If due to natural causes.

⁴But not damage due to insufficient or improper application of pest or disease control measures.

Insurance Period

Insurance coverage begins on the later of the date we accept your application or the date when the fresh market sweet corn is planted, and will end at the earliest of: (1) Total destruction of the crop, (2) harvest of the unit, (3) final adjustment of a loss, (4) 100 days after the date of planting or replanting or, (5) abandonment of the crop.

Important Dates

Sales Closing.....	March 16, 2009
Final Planting Date ¹	June 15, 2009
Final Planting Date ²	June 20, 2009
Final Planting Date ³	June 25, 2009
Acreage Report Date.....	July 15, 2009
Premium Billing Date.....	October 1, 2009

¹Delta, Mesa, and Montrose Counties

²Boulder County

³Adams and Weld Counties

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report—You must give a report of all your fresh market sweet corn acreage in the county by the acreage reporting date (July 15).

Definitions

Allowable Cost—An amount not to exceed \$3.00 per container for harvesting and marketing costs (such as picking, hauling, packing, shipping) is subtracted from the price received for each container of sweet corn to determine value of sold production.

Container — 48-52 ears of fresh sweet corn.

Production Guarantee — A guaranteed dollar amount of coverage that you select prior to planting.

Minimum Value — A minimum of \$1.85 per container will be applied to any sold production that is valued at less than \$1.85 after subtracting the allowable cost. Unsold appraised production will also be valued at the minimum value.

Reference Maximum Dollar Amount — The value per acre established for the state. Your guarantee is derived from multiplying the reference maximum dollar amount by the level of coverage.

Written Agreement— Document designed to provide coverage for insurable crops when coverage or rates are unavailable and to modify insurance offers when specifically permitted.

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Sweet Corn may be insured at the coverage levels shown in the table. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown. For example, if you select the 75 percent coverage level, your coverage will be 75 percent of the reference maximum dollar amount, the premium subsidy is 55 percent and your premium share is 45 percent of the base premium. Catastrophic coverage (CAT) is available at 27.5 percent of the reference maximum dollar amount.

Reference Maximum Dollar Amount = \$1160			
Coverage Level	Coverage Amount	Subsidy %	Your Premium Share
CAT*	\$319	100%	0%
50%	\$580	67%	33%
55%	\$638	64%	36%
60%	\$696	64%	36%
65%	\$754	59%	41%
70%	\$812	59%	41%
75%	\$870	55%	45%

*The total cost for CAT coverage will be an administrative fee of \$300 per crop per county, regardless of the acreage. Administrative fees, in addition to premium costs, for coverage levels above CAT are \$30 per crop per county.

Stage Guarantees

In the event of a covered cause of loss, the indemnity will be reduced if damage occurs during the first stage of growth as shown in the table below. This reduction in guarantee reflects the absence of harvesting costs and certain other crop maintenance expenses that will not be incurred if the crop is not carried to harvest.

Stage	Interval	Percent of Guarantee
1	From planting through the beginning of tasselling (i.e., when the tassel becomes visible above the whorl)	65%
Final	From tasseling until the acreage is harvested	100%

Replant Provisions (not available under catastrophic coverage)

A replanting payment is allowed only if the crop is damaged by a covered cause of loss to the extent that more than 25 percent of the plant stand will not produce sweet corn and it is practical to replant. The maximum replanting payment will be the lesser of your actual cost of replanting or \$65 per acre.

Loss Example

A loss occurs when the crop value falls below the guaranteed dollar amount as a result of damage from a covered cause of loss.

The example below assumes a dollar guarantee of \$870 (75 percent) per acre. Assume that only 50 containers of sweet corn per acre were produced and sold for \$12 each. Subtracting the allowable cost of \$3.00 per container leaves a net value of \$9 per container and a crop value of \$450 per acre (50 containers x \$9.00)

870	Dollar amount of coverage per acre
- 450	Production value per acre
420	Loss per acre
- 30	Estimated premium per acre
\$390*	Net indemnity per acre

* Figures shown on a per acre basis; guarantees and losses paid are on a per acre unit basis. See policy provisions.

Note: The net value per container cannot be less than the minimum value (see definitions) unless you have the minimum value option. In the example above, if the harvested production had been sold for only \$4 per container, the actual net value per container would be \$1 (\$4—\$3 allowable cost), which is below the minimum value of \$1.85. Therefore the net value per container would be held to \$1.85, the production value per acre would be \$93 (50 containers per acre x \$1.85 MV), and the loss per acre would be \$777 (\$870 - 93).

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