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2009 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

Sunflowers

Kansas

Crop Insured

The crop insured will be all oil (includes birdseed varieties) and non-oil type sunflowers grown in the county on insurable acreage, for which premiums rates are provided, in which you have a share, and planted for harvest as sunflower seed. Sunflowers are not insurable if inter-planted with another crop or planted into an established grass or legume. Contact a crop insurance agent for more details.

Counties Available

Insurance for sunflowers is available in 70 counties throughout Kansas.

Coverage in other counties may also be available by individual written agreement if certain criteria are met, including records for at least three years of production history.

Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions[1]
Failure of irrigation water supply[2]
Fire[3]
Insects[4]
Plant disease[4]
Wildlife

[1]Including, hail, frost, freeze, excess precipitation, and drought.
[2]If due to an insured cause of loss within the insurance period.
[3]If due to natural causes.
[4]But not damage due to insufficient or improper applications of pest or disease control measures.

Insurance Period

Coverage begins when the sunflowers are planted and ends the earliest of: (1) total destruction of the crop, (2) abandonment of the crop, (2) completion of harvest, (4) final adjustment of a loss, (5) November 30.

Important Dates

Sales Closing/Cancellation Date ...... March 16, 2009
Earliest Planting Date[1] .... April 25, 2009
Final Planting Date...............................June 25, 2009
Acreage Report Date .... July 15, 2009
Premium Billing Date ....October 1, 2009
End of Insurance.........................November 30, 2009

[1]Excludes Barber, Butler, Comanche, Cowley, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, Kiowa, Marion, McPherson, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick, Stafford, and Sumner counties, which have an earliest planting date of April 20, 2007.

Special Provisions of Insurance

Crops will not be insurable on non-irrigated acreage if they are planted following another crop that has reached the headed stage. Acreage may be insured that has been planted in rows to narrow for cultivation. Insurance will not attach to any acreage on which sunflowers, canola, crambe, dry beans, safflowers, mustard, or rapeseed was planted in the previous crop year. Insurance is available for sunflowers produced utilizing organic farming practices.

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Sunflowers may be insured at the coverage levels shown on the reverse. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown.

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

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.

Catastrophic coverage (CAT) is available at 50 percent of your APH yield and 55 percent of the established price election. 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.

Price Elections

Price of compensation in case of loss:
oil — $0.2035/lb.
confectionary — $0.2335/lb.

Insurance Units

Basic Unit: A basic unit includes all of your insurable sunflower 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.
Revenue Assurance (RA) — APH plus price protection with optional, basic, enterprise and whole farm units.

Replant Provisions (not available under CAT)

A replanting payment is allowed only if the crop is damaged by a covered cause of loss to the extent that the remaining stand will not produce at least 90 percent of the per-acre revenue guarantee and it is practical to replant. The projected harvest price is used to determine if 90 percent of the per-acre revenue guarantee can be achieved. The maximum replanting payment will be the lesser of 20 percent of the per-acre revenue guarantee based on the projected harvest price or an amount equal to 175 pounds of seed times the projected harvest price.

Late and Prevented Planting

Your prevented planting coverage will be 60 percent of your per-acre revenue guarantee for timely planted acreage. You may increase your prevented planting coverage to a level specified in the actuarial documents by paying an additional premium. These provisions provide protection on acreage that is planted after the final planting date or that cannot be planted at all. Please consult a crop insurance agent for details.

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. This example assumes an 800 pounds per acre APH yield, 70-percent coverage level, 100 percent of the established price sunflower seeds harvested for oil, and basic unit coverage.

800 pounds per acre APH yield
x .70 coverage level
560 pound guarantee*
- 150 pounds per acre actually produced
410 pounds per acre loss
x $0.2035 price election
$83.00 gross indemnity*

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

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