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Grain Sorghum

Colorado

Crop Insured

The crop insured will be all the grain sorghum grown in the county on insurable acreage, for which premium rates are provided, in which you have a share, and planted for harvest as grain. Contact a crop insurance agent for more details.

Counties Available

Grain sorghum insurance is available in the following counties: Adams, Baca, Bent, Cheyenne, Crowley, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Las Animas, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Otero, Phillips, Prowers, Pueblo, Sedgwick, Washington, and Yuma.

Causes of Loss

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

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

²If due to an insured cause of loss within the insurance period.

³If due to natural causes.

⁴Only if effective control measures do not exist for such infestation.

Insurance Period

Coverage begins when the grain sorghum is planted and ends the earliest of: (1) total destruction of the crop, (2) abandonment of the crop, (3) completion of harvest, (4) final adjustment of a loss, (5) December 10.

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report—You must give a report of all your grain sorghum acreage in the county by the acreage reporting date.

Important Dates

Sales Closing/Cancellation Date March 15
Earliest Planting Date¹ May 1
Final Planting Date² June 15
Acreage Report Date July 15
Premium Billing October 1
End of Insurance December 10

¹Excludes Baca, Bent, and Prowers counties, which have an Earliest Planting Date of April 16.

²Excludes Baca, Bent, Kiowa, and Prowers counties, which have a Final Planting Date of June 20.

Definitions

APH Yield — Actual production history (APH) yield used to determine the production guarantee. The APH yield is based on up to 10 years of actual, assigned yields, adjusted and/or unadjusted transitional yields.

Unit — The insurable acreage used to determine the APH yield, the production guarantee, and any indemnity.

High Risk Land (HRL) — Land designated on a map in the actuarial documents with a high risk rate classification, requiring a higher premium rate due to higher risk.

HRL Exclusion Option — An agreement to exclude from crop insurance coverage all high risk land by crop and county as signed on our form by the sales closing date. Catastrophic coverage is still available when this option is in effect.

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Grain sorghum may be insured at the coverage levels shown in the table below. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown on the reverse.

Item	Percent									
Coverage Level	50	55	60	65	70	75	80*	85*	90*	
Premium Subsidy**	67	64	64	59	59	55	48	38	na	
Your Premium Share**	33	36	36	41	41	45	52	62	na	

*Where applicable.

**Applies to all available plans of insurance.

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 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 per bushel in case of loss:
Established price is \$3.47/bushel.

Insurance Units

Basic Unit: A basic unit includes all of your insurable grain sorghum 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.

Plans of Insurance

Actual Production History (APH) — Production guarantee based on individual yield history. Optional, basic, and enterprise units are available.

Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC) — APH plus price protection with optional, basic and enterprise units.

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 the remaining stand will not produce at least 90 percent of your bushel guarantee and it is practical to replant. The maximum replanting payment will be the lesser of 20 percent of the bushel guarantee; or 7 bushels times the base price times your insured share.

Late and Prevented Planting

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 bushels of grain sorghum produced for the unit fall below the production guarantee as a result of damage from a covered cause of loss. This example assumes a 140 bushel per acre APH yield, 75 percent coverage level, 100 percent of the established price, and basic unit coverage.

APH Example

$$\begin{array}{r}
 70 \text{ bushels per acre APH yield} \\
 \times .75 \text{ coverage level} \\
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 52.5 \text{ bushel guarantee*} \\
 - 30.0 \text{ bushels per acre actually produced} \\
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 22.5 \text{ bushels per acre loss} \\
 \times 3.47 \text{ price election} \\
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 \text{\$78.00 gross indemnity*}
 \end{array}$$

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

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