

## Topeka Regional Office — Topeka, KS

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# Potatoes

## Nebraska

### Crop Insured

Potatoes are insurable if:

- They are all the irrigated potatoes planted in the county;
- Premium rates are provided;
- You have a share;
- They are planted with certified seed;
- Coverage is under an endorsement;
- Acreage must be planted with certified seed; or
- They are planted for harvest as certified seed stock, or for human consumption.

Other potatoes are not insurable unless a written agreement provides for such insurance.

Potatoes are not insurable if they are:

- Varieties of the fingerling type, unless provided by written agreement;
- They are planted on any acreage on which potatoes, sugar beets, or sunflowers were planted the preceding crop year;
- They are interplanted with another crop; or
- They are planted into an established grass or legume.

Contact a crop insurance agent for more details.

### Counties Available

Potatoes are insurable in Banner, Box Butte, Brown, Chase, Dundy, Holt, Kearney, Kimball, Lincoln, Morrill, Perkins, Rock, and Scotts Bluff counties.

Coverage in other counties may also be available by individual written agreement if certain criteria are met, including records for at least the three most recent years of production history for potatoes or a similar crop.

### Causes of Loss

You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions, including natural perils such as hail, frost, freeze, wind, drought, and excess moisture;
- Fire, if caused by an insured peril during the insurance year;

- Insect damage, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures;
- Plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures;
- Wildlife;
- Earthquake;
- Volcanic eruption; or
- Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured peril during the insurance year.

We will not insure against any loss of production due to damage that occurs or becomes evident after the end of the insurance period, including, but not limited to, damage that occurs or becomes evident in storage.

### Insurance Period

Insurance coverage begins on the later of:

- Date your application is accepted; or
- Date when the potatoes are planted.

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

- Total destruction of the crop;
- Harvest of the unit;
- Final adjustment of a loss on the unit;
- Abandonment of the crop; or
- October 10.

### Important Dates

Sales Closing Date.....	March 15, 2014
Cancellation Date.....	March 15, 2014
Final Planting Date.....	May 15, 2014
Acreage Report Date.....	July 15, 2014
Premium Billing.....	August 15, 2014
End of Insurance.....	October 10, 2014

### Reporting Requirements

**Acreage Report** - You must give a report to your crop insurance agent of all your potato acreage in the county by the acreage reporting date.

## Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Potatoes may be insured at the coverage levels shown in the table. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown.

Subsidy Factor	Percent						
Coverage Level	CAT	0.50	0.55	0.60	0.65	0.70	0.75
Basic Unit	1.000	0.670	0.640	0.640	0.590	0.590	0.550
Optional unit		0.670	0.640	0.640	0.590	0.590	0.550

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. For coverage levels above the Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) level, in addition to premium costs, administrative fees are \$30 per crop per county.

## Catastrophic Coverage

CAT coverage is available at 50 percent of your actual production history (APH) yield and 55 percent of the established price election. The total cost for CAT coverage is an administrative fee of \$300 per crop per county, regardless of the acreage.

## Price Elections

Price of compensation per hundredweight (cwt.) in case of loss. Established price is \$9.40 cwt.

## Insurance Units

**Basic Unit** - A basic unit includes all of your insurable potato 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.

## Insurance Plans

APH is the only plan of insurance available for potatoes. The production guarantee is based on individual yield history. Optional and basic units are available.

## Late Planting

The late planting period for potatoes begins the day after the final planting date (June 15) and ends 25 days after the final planting date.

## Prevented Planting

These provisions provide protection on acreage that cannot be planted. Your prevented planting coverage

will be 25 percent of your production guarantee for timely planted acreage. If you pay an additional premium, you may increase your prevented planting coverage to a level specified in the actuarial documents.

Haying or grazing a cover crop will not impact eligibility for a prevented planting payment provided such action did not contribute to the acreage being prevented from planting. Please consult a crop insurance agent for details.

## Endorsements Available Under the Northern Potato Crop Provisions

**Quality Endorsement:** Provides supplemental coverage for potatoes in the event they grade less than U.S. No. 1 or U.S. No. 2 or better.

**Storage Coverage Endorsement:** Provides supplemental coverage for 60 days for potatoes in storage.

**Processing Quality Endorsement:** Provides supplemental coverage for potatoes that are rejected by the processor. The quality endorsement and a processor contract must be in effect before this endorsement can be purchased.

**Certified Seed Endorsement:** Provides supplemental coverage for potatoes in the event they do not pass certification by the state administered certified seed program. Not available in all Nebraska counties.

An additional premium is charged if any of these endorsements are selected. These endorsements are not available under catastrophic coverage.

## Loss Example

A loss occurs when the hundredweight (cwt.) of potatoes produced for the unit falls below the production guarantee as a result of damage from a covered cause of loss. This example assumes a 350 cwt. per acre APH yield, 65 percent coverage level, 100 percent of the \$9.40 cwt. established price, and basic unit coverage.

350	cwt. per acre APH yield
x 0.65	coverage level
228	cwt. guarantee
- 100	cwt. per acre actually produced
128	cwt. per acre loss
x \$9.40	price election
<b>\$1,203.00</b>	<b>gross indemnity</b>

Figures shown per acre; guarantees and losses are paid by unit. See policy provisions or ask your crop insurance agent for more information.

## Where to Buy Crop Insurance

All multi-peril crop insurance, including CAT policies, are available from private insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA service centers and on RMA's website at: [www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/agents/](http://www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/agents/).

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