

## Topeka Regional Office — Topeka, KS

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# Wheat

## Colorado

### Crop Insured

Wheat is insurable if:

- It is all the wheat grown in the county on insurable acreage;
- Premium rates are provided;
- You have a share; and
- It is planted for harvest as grain under the Common Crop Insurance Policy.

Wheat may not be insured if:

- It is interplanted with another crop;
- It is planted into a grass or legume, unless excepted;
- It is planted as a nurse crop; or
- It follows a cover crop that does not meet the criteria outlined in the insurance availability section of the special provisions.

### Counties Available

Winter wheat is insurable in 35 counties throughout Colorado. Spring wheat is insurable in 13 counties in the western half of the state. Coverage in other counties may also be available by individual written agreement if certain criteria are met. Go to [www.rma.usda.gov/fields/ks\\_rso/2016/final/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/fields/ks_rso/2016/final/) or talk to your crop insurance agent for more details.

### Causes of Loss

You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions;
- A change in the harvest price from the projected price, due to an insured cause of loss (revenue protection plans only);
- Earthquake;
- Failure of the irrigation water supply due to a covered cause of loss that occurs during the insurance period;
- Fire;
- Insects, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of pest control measures;
- Plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of disease control measures; or
- Wildlife.

### Insurance Period

Insurance coverage begins on the later of:

- Date your application is accepted; or
- Date when the wheat is planted, by the final planting date.

Insurance coverage ends with 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 31.

### Important Dates

#### Winter Wheat

Sales Closing/Cancellation Date ..... September 30, 2015  
 Final Planting Date .....Varies by County  
 Acreage Report Date ..... November 15, 2015  
 End of Insurance ..... October 31, 2016

#### Spring Wheat

Sales Closing/Cancellation Date ..... March 15, 2016  
 Final Planting Date .....Varies by County  
 Acreage Report Date ..... July 15, 2016  
 End of Insurance .....October 31, 2016  
 Contact your crop insurance agent or for more information see [www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/fields/ks\\_rso/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/fields/ks_rso/).

### Reporting Requirements

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

### Definitions

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

### Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Wheat may be insured at the coverage levels shown. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown. The Whole-

Farm Unit is not available for the Yield Protection Plan. If you choose the 75-percent coverage level and Enterprise Units, your coverage is 75 percent of your approved actual production history yield, the premium subsidy is 77 percent, and your premium share is 23 percent of the base premium.

| Coverage Level  |                             | 0.50  | 0.55  | 0.60  | 0.65  | 0.70  | 0.75  | 0.80  | 0.85  |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Subsidy Factors | Enterprise Unit             | 0.800 | 0.800 | 0.800 | 0.800 | 0.800 | 0.770 | 0.680 | 0.530 |
|                 | Enterprise Unit By practice | 0.800 | 0.800 | 0.800 | 0.800 | 0.800 | 0.770 | 0.680 | 0.530 |
|                 | Basic Unit                  | 0.670 | 0.640 | 0.640 | 0.590 | 0.590 | 0.550 | 0.480 | 0.380 |
|                 | Optional unit               | 0.670 | 0.640 | 0.640 | 0.590 | 0.590 | 0.550 | 0.480 | 0.380 |
|                 | Whole-Farm Unit             | 0.800 | 0.800 | 0.800 | 0.800 | 0.800 | 0.800 | 0.710 | 0.560 |

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)

CAT coverage is available at 50 percent of your APH yield and 55 percent of the projected price. The total cost for CAT coverage is an administrative fee of \$300 per crop per county, regardless of the acreage. CAT is available for the Yield Protection Plan only.

### Price Elections

Prices are calculated according to the Commodity Exchange Price Provisions. Colorado winter wheat prices are based on the September futures market price for wheat. The projected price discovery period is August 15 through September 14. The harvest price discovery period is July 1 through July 31. Colorado spring wheat prices are based on the September futures market price for wheat. The projected price discovery period is February 1 through February 28. The harvest price discovery period is August 1 through August 31. These prices are released no later than 3 business days following the end of the price discovery period. Depending on the insurance plan, these prices are used for compensation per bushel in case of loss. Contact your agent, or for more information see [www.rma.usda.gov/tools/pricediscovery.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/pricediscovery.html).

The contract price is only available for certified organic wheat. See the Contract Price Addendum for details.

### Insurance Units

**Basic Unit** - A basic unit includes all of your insurable wheat 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 recordkeeping requirements are met, you may apply for optional units by section. The 10-percent premium discount does not apply.

**Enterprise Unit** - Generally, all 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 are not available under the Yield Protection Plan.

### Insurance Plans

#### Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions

**Yield Protection Plan** is an insurance plan that only provides protection against a production loss and is available only for crops for which revenue protection is available.

**Revenue Protection Plan** is an insurance plan that provides protection against revenue loss due to a production loss, price decline or increase, or a combination of both.

**Harvest Price Exclusion** is an insurance plan that provides revenue protection though the use of the harvest price is excluded when determining your revenue protection guarantee. This election is continuous unless canceled by the cancellation date.

### Coverage Level by Practice

If you produce a crop on both irrigated and non-irrigated land, you can elect a different coverage level for each production practice. The election is available for additional coverage policies only when the actuarial documents provide separate coverage by irrigated and non-irrigated practices. Even if you have an additional coverage level policy, purchasing the CAT Endorsement is not allowed as one of the separate coverage levels.

### Special Provisions of Insurance

Insurance restrictions apply to acreage that has been planted using broadcast seeding methods. Insurance is available for wheat produced using organic farming practices.

### Area Risk Protection Insurance (ARPI) Basic Provisions

ARPI may not be available in every county. Some of the information on this fact sheet does not apply. For more information see the ARPI fact sheet at: [www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/arpi.pdf](http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/arpi.pdf).

### Winter Coverage Endorsement

Under this endorsement, the Winter Coverage Option attaches to the Small Grains Wheat Crop Provisions and provides coverage for fall seeded wheat between the time coverage begins and the spring final planting date. This is available only in counties where both a fall final planting date and spring final planting date are provided in the special provisions. This endorsement is not available with CAT.

### Replant Provisions

A replant payment is allowed only if the crop is damaged by a covered cause of loss so the remaining stand will not produce at least 90 percent of your bushel guarantee and it

is practical to replant. The maximum replanting payment is the lesser of 20 percent of the bushel guarantee, or 4 bushels times your price election. Replant payments are not available with CAT. This is available only in counties where both a fall final planting date and spring final planting date are provided in the special provisions.

### Trend-Adjusted APH Yield Option

The Trend-Adjusted APH Yield Option adjusts yields in APH databases to reflect increases in yields through time in the county. Trend adjustments are made on each eligible yield within a qualifying APH database based on the county's historical yield trend, which is provided in the county actuarial documents. The approved APH yield is calculated using trend-adjusted yields and any other applicable yields within the APH database. It may not be available for all practices and the factor may vary by practice. This option is not available under CAT or with ARPI plans.

### Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO)

SCO is a crop insurance option that provides additional coverage for a portion of your underlying crop insurance policy deductible. The amount of SCO coverage depends on the liability, coverage level, and approved yield of your underlying policy. For more information see the SCO fact sheet at [www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/2016sco.pdf](http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/2016sco.pdf).

### APH Yield Exclusion

The Yield Exclusion option, when elected, allows you to exclude yields from your actual production history when the actuarial documents provide that the county average yield for that crop year is at least 50 percent below the 10 previous consecutive crop years' average yield. A crop year that has been determined eligible for exclusion in a county will also be eligible for exclusion in contiguous counties. Producers who have either CAT or buy-up insurance policies can use this program. For more information see the APH Yield Exclusion fact sheet at [www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/aphye.pdf](http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/aphye.pdf).

### Late and Prevented Planting

These provisions provide protection on acreage that is planted after the final planting date or that cannot be planted. The late planting period begins the day after the final planting date for the insured crop and ends 15 days after the final planting date.

### Loss Example

Under yield protection a loss occurs when the bushels of wheat produced for the unit fall below the production guarantee due to damage from a covered cause of loss.

Under revenue protection a loss occurs when the value of production-to-count is less than the revenue protection guarantee due to a production loss and/or a revenue loss.

Assume a 40 bushels per acre APH yield, 75-percent coverage level, \$6.41 winter projected price, \$5.43 winter harvest price, and basic unit coverage.

#### Yield Protection Example

|          |                            |
|----------|----------------------------|
| 40       | APH yield bushels per acre |
| x 0.75   | Coverage level             |
| 30       | Bushel guarantee           |
| x \$6.41 | Projected price            |
| \$192.30 | Insurance guarantee        |

|          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 10       | Bushels per acre produced |
| x \$6.41 | Projected price           |
| \$64.10  | Value of production       |

|                 |                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| \$192.30        | Insurance guarantee             |
| - \$64.10       | Value of production             |
| <b>\$128.00</b> | <b>Gross indemnity per acre</b> |

#### Revenue Protection Example

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 40       | APH yield bushels per acre                   |
| x 0.75   | Coverage level                               |
| 30       | Bushel guarantee                             |
| x \$6.41 | (Higher of projected price or harvest price) |
| \$192.30 | Insurance guarantee                          |

|          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 10       | Bushels per acre produced |
| x \$5.43 | Harvested price           |
| \$54.30  | Value of production       |

|                 |                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| \$192.30        | Insurance guarantee             |
| - \$54.30       | Value of production             |
| <b>\$138.00</b> | <b>Gross indemnity per acre</b> |

The price used to determine value in the revenue protection example above is the higher of the projected price or the harvest price. Figures are shown per acre. Guarantees and losses are paid by unit. See the 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 crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA service centers and on RMA's website at [www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html).

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