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Sunflowers

Minnesota

Crop Insured

The crop insured will be all the oil and/or confectionery sunflowers grown in the county on insurable acreage, for which premium rates are provided, in which you have a share, and planted for harvest as sunflower seed.

Counties Available

Sunflowers are insurable in 34 counties in Minnesota. In counties where premium rates are not published, sunflowers may be insurable by written agreement.

Causes of Loss

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

¹Including hail, frost, freeze, drought, and excess precipitation.

²If caused by an insured cause of loss.

³If due to natural causes.

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

Insurance Period

Insurance coverage will begin on the date the sunflowers are 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) November 30, 2009 or, (5) abandonment of the crop.

Reporting Requirements

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

Important Dates

Sales Closing/Cancellation Date	March 15
Earliest Planting Date	April 21
Final Planting Date	June 10
Acreage Reporting Date	June 30
Premium Billing Date	October 1
Production Reporting Date	April 29

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 and/or assigned yields.

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

Production Guarantee — Number of pounds guaranteed per unit. Multiply your APH yield per acre \times the coverage level percentage you select \times the number of acres in the unit.

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

Sunflowers may be insured at the coverage levels shown in the table below. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown for basic and optional units. A different subsidy table (not shown) applies to enterprise and whole farm units (as applicable). For example if you select the 75-percent coverage level, your coverage will be 75 percent of your approved APH yield, 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.

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

Price Election (APH plan)

Price of compensation per bushel in case of loss:

Established price: Oil \$0.2035 per pound

Confectionery \$0.2335 per pound

Additional price may be announced prior to the sales closing date.

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 to optional units.

Enterprise Unit: All of the insured crop acreage in a county. Premium discount will apply.

Whole Farm Unit: All of the insured crops in the county that are covered by the insurance plan. Premium discount will apply.

Plans of Insurance

Actual Production History — Production guarantee based on your **individual** yield history. Optional and basic units are available.

Revenue Assurance (RA) — APH plus price protection with optional, basic, enterprise, and whole farm units.

Late and Prevented Planting

These provisions provide protection on acreage that is planted after the final planting date or that cannot be planted. Please consult a crop insurance agent for details.

Replant Provisions

(Not available under catastrophic coverage)

A replanting payment is allowed if your sunflower 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 production guarantee and it is practical to replant. The maximum replanting payment will be the lesser of 20 percent of the production guarantee or 175 pounds of seed, times your price election. No **replanting** payment will be made on acreage initially planted prior to the **earliest planting date**.

Loss Example

APH Example - Oil Type

A loss occurs when the pounds of sunflower seed produced for the unit fall below the production guarantee as a result of damage from a covered cause of loss. This example assumes a 1400 pounds per acre APH yield, 65-percent coverage level, 100 percent of the additional price, and basic unit coverage.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1400 \text{ pounds per acre APH yield} \\
 \times .65 \text{ coverage level} \\
 \hline
 910 \text{ pound guarantee*} \\
 - 600 \text{ pounds per acre actually produced} \\
 \hline
 310 \text{ pounds per acre loss} \\
 \times \$0.2035 \text{ price election} \\
 \hline
 \$63.09 \text{ gross indemnity*} \\
 - \$13.00 \text{ estimated premium per acre (varies)} \\
 \hline
 \text{\$50.09 net indemnity*}
 \end{array}$$

Revenue Product Example - Oil Type

$$\begin{array}{r}
 910 \text{ pounds* (see above)} \\
 \times \$0.200 \text{ projected harvest price (est. - announced in March)} \\
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 \$182.00 \text{ guarantee*} \\
 600 \text{ pounds per acre actually produced} \\
 \times \$0.160 \text{ harvest price (est. - announced in October)} \\
 \hline
 \$96.00 \text{ revenue} \\
 \$86.00 \text{ gross indemnity } (\$182.00 - \$96.00 = \$86.00)* \\
 - \$15.00 \text{ estimated premium (varies by county)} \\
 \hline
 \text{\$71.00 net indemnity*}
 \end{array}$$

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

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