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2009 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

Mint Wisconsin

Crop Insured

The crop insured will be mint types peppermint, native spearmint and scotch spearmint in the county for which a premium rate is provided by the actuarial documents:

- In which you have a share;
- That are planted for harvest and distillation as mint oil;
- That have an adequate stand by the date coverage begins.
- Inspected and accepted for the first crop year.

Counties Available

This insurance coverage is available in Dane, Jefferson, Marquette, and Walworth counties. Mint may be insured in other counties and states 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. Verticillium wilt disease is not covered.

Important Dates

Fall Sales Closing Date (Winter Option).......Sep 30, 2008Spring Sales Closing Date (Basic Coverage). Mar 15, 2009Final Planting Date......May 31, 2009Acreage Reporting Date (Winter Option)Dec 15, 2008Acreage Reporting Date (Basic Coverage)Jul 15, 2009Premium Billing Date......Oct 1, 2009Insurance Begins (Winter Coverage)Jul 15, 2009Insurance Begins (Basic Coverage)Jul 16, 2009Insurance Ends (Winter Coverage)Jun 16, 2009Insurance Ends (Winter Coverage)Jun 15, 2009Insurance Ends at harvest or (Basic Coverage)Jun 15, 2009Production Reporting Date (2008 Production)Nov 14, 2009

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 of mint oil guaranteed per unit. Multiply your APH yield per acre x the coverage level percentage you select x the number of acres in the unit.

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Mint may be insured at the coverage levels shown in the table below. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown. For example if you select the 75 percent coverage level, your coverage will be 75percent 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

ltem	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

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 pound of oil in case of loss:

- Established price: \$20.00 per pound (peppermint)
- Established price: \$15.00 per pound (native spearmint)
- Established price: \$15.00 per pound (scotch spearmint)

This fact sheet gives only a general overview of the crop insurance program and is not a complete policy. For further information and an evaluation of your risk management needs, contact a crop insurance agent.

Insurance Units

Basic Unit: A basic unit includes all of your insurable mint acreage in the county by share arrangement and type. 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.

Plans of Insurance

The APH plan is the only plan of insurance available for mint. The production guarantee is based on your individual yield history.

Options

Winter Coverage Option - Not available under a catastrophic (CAT) policy

You must elect the winter coverage option on your application on or before the fall sales closing date. This option provides a reduced guarantee (60 percent of basic coverage guarantee) and additional premium. Contact a crop insurance agent for more details.

Loss Example

A loss occurs when the pounds of mint oil produced for the unit fall below the production guarantee as a result of damage from a covered cause of loss. This example assumes an APH yield of 45 pounds of peppermint oil per acre, 65-percent coverage level, 100 percent of the established price, and basic unit coverage.

APH Example - Basic

- 45 pounds per acre APH yield
- x .65 coverage
- 29.3 pound guarantee*
- 12.0 pounds per acre actually produced
- 17.3 pounds per acre loss
- x \$20.00 price election-peppermint
- \$346.00 gross indemnity*
- <u>\$11.50</u> estimated premium per acre
- \$334.50 net indemnity*

Winter Coverage Example

- 29.3 pound guarantee* (see APH example)
- $\underline{x.60}$ winter coverage level
- 17.6 pound guarantee
- x \$20.00 price election-peppermint
- \$352.00 guarantee per acre
 - 30 acres of a 60 acre unit has no stand
- \$352.00 per acre payment on 30 acres
- \$16.00 estimated premium
- \$336.00 net indemnity*

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