

# St. Paul Regional Office — St. Paul, MN

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# **ARPI Popcorn**

Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin

# **Crop Insured**

All popcorn is insurable if:

- Grown in the county on insurable acreage;
- Premium rates are provided;
- You have a share; and
- Grown under and in accordance with the requirements of a processor contract executed on or before the acreage reporting date.

#### **Counties Available**

See actuarial documents at <a href="webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/ActuarialInformationBrowser2015/">webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/ActuarialInformationBrowser2015/</a> CropCriteria.aspx

for insurable counties. Written Agreements are not available under Area Risk Protection Insurance (ARPI) plans. Contact an insurance agent for more details.

#### Causes of Loss

ARPI provides protection against loss of revenue or against loss of yield in a county resulting from natural causes of loss that cause the final county yield or the final county revenue to be less than the trigger yield or the trigger revenue.

#### **Insurance Period**

Insurance coverage begins on the later of one of the following occurrences:

- Date we accept your application; or
- The date the popcorn is planted.

#### **Important Dates**

Sales Closing	March 15, 2015
Final Planting	
Acreage Reporting	
Premium Billing	
Production Reporting	

# **General Explanation of ARPI**

ARPI is designed as a risk management tool to insure against widespread loss of production of the insured crop in a county.

The ARPI policy has less paperwork and generally lower premium cost than multiple peril crop insurance (MPCI). The policy was developed on the basis that when an entire county's crop yield is low, most farmers in that county would also have low yields.

ARPI allows you to select a different coverage level of insurance for each insurable crop type and practice. Under the ARPI Area Yield Protection (AYP) plan, you can also select the Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) level of insurance for one type and practice, and select an additional (buy-up) level of coverage for a different type and practice. A separate administrative fee is charged for CAT and buy-up coverage.

# **ARPI Limitations:**

- Because ARPI is an area plan, you may have a low yield or low revenue on the acreage you have insured and still not receive a payment.
- Lenders may not accept ARPI coverage as collateral.

#### **Definitions**

**Expected County Yield** - The yield contained in the actuarial documents on which your coverage for the crop year is based. This yield is determined using historical National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) county average yields, as adjusted by Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC).

**Expected County Revenue** - The expected county yield multiplied by the projected price.

**Final County Yield** - The yield, established in accordance with section 15 of the policy, based on the best available data for the insurable crop and used to

determine whether an indemnity is due under the Area Yield Protection plan.

**Final County Revenue** - The revenue determined by multiplying the final county yield by the harvest price. This is used to determine any indemnity due for the area revenue plans.

**Harvest Price** - The price of popcorn determined in the fall in accordance with the Commodity Exchange Price Provisions (CEPP).

**Projected Price** - The price of popcorn determined in the spring in accordance with the CEPP. The projected price is used to establish your insurance coverage.

**Trigger Yield** - The result of multiplying the expected county yield times your coverage level. This is used to determine any indemnity due under the area yield protection plan.

**Trigger Revenue** - The revenue amount calculated by multiplying the expected county yield times the projected price or harvest price (depending on which area revenue plan you have selected) times your coverage level. This is used to determine if an indemnity is due.

# **Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies**

ARPI plans may be insured at the coverage levels shown in the following table. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown. For example, if you select the 85-percent coverage level, your trigger yield or trigger revenue is 85 percent of the expected county yield or expected county revenue. The premium subsidy is 55 percent, and your premium share is 45 percent of the base premium. Under the Area Yield Protection plan, CAT coverage is available at 65 percent of the yield coverage and 45 percent of the price coverage. The total cost for CAT coverage is 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	CAT	70	75	80	85	90
Premium Subsidy	100	59	59	55	55	51
Your Premium Share	0	41	41	45	45	49

#### **Insurance Plans**

**Area Yield Protection** - Protection against loss of yield due to a county level production loss. No individual loss protection is available.

**Area Revenue Protection -** Protection against loss of revenue due to a county level production loss, price decline, or combination of both, and includes upside

harvest price protection. No individual loss protection is available.

**Area Revenue Protection with Harvest Price** 

**Exclusion** - Provides protection against loss of revenue due to a county level production loss, price decline, or a combination of both. No individual loss protection is available.

# Loss Example

Area Yield Protection Example: A loss occurs when the final county yield for the county falls below your trigger yield. This example assumes a 5,346 pounds per acre expected county yield, 85 percent coverage level, and \$882.09 protection per acre (using 110% protection factor). Projected price estimated to be \$0.1500 per pound and harvest price estimated to be \$0.1300 per pound. The actual prices will be announced in March and November respectively.

	5,346	Pounds per acre expected county yield
X	0.85	Coverage level selected
	4,544	Pounds per acre trigger yield
	3,000	Pounds per acre final county yield
	1,544	Pounds per acre deficiency
		(1,544 ÷ (trigger yield - (expected
		county yield x loss limit factor)) = $0.431$
		payment factor)

\$380.18 Gross indemnity (0.431 x \$882.09 protection)

- \$6.00 Producer premium/acre (varies by county)

\$374.18 Net indemnity per acre

**Area Revenue Protection Example:** A loss occurs when the final county revenue falls below your trigger revenue. See yield example for other variables used for the county.

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\$801.90 Expected County Revenue(5,346 x \$.1500)

\$681.60	Trigger Revenue (4,544 lbs x \$.1500/lb.)
<u>- \$390.00</u>	Final County Revenue (3,000 lb. x \$.1300)
\$291.60	Dollars per acre deficiency
	(\$291.60 ÷ (trigger revenue - (expected
	county revenue x loss limit factor)) = $0.543$
	payment factor)

\$478.97 Gross indemnity (0.543 x \$882.09)

- \$20.00 Producer premium/ac. (varies by county)

\$458.97 Net indemnity per acre

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

# 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 the RMA website at www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/agents/.

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