

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

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# Wheat

# **Crop Insured**

All wheat is insurable if:

- Grown in the county on insurable acreage;
- You have a share; and
- It is planted for harvest as grain.

This fact sheet applies only to the available Common Crop Insurance policy plans of insurance. Contact a crop insurance agent for further explanation.

# **Counties Available**

See actuarial documents at <u>http://</u> <u>webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/</u> <u>actuarialinformationbrowser2016/CropCriteria.aspx</u> for insurable counties. The crop may be insurable in other counties by written agreement if specific criteria are met. Contact an insurance agent for more details.

# **Causes of Loss**

You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions such as natural perils of hail, frost, freeze, wind, drought, and excess moisture;
- Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured peril during the insurance period;
- Fire, if due to natural causes;
- Plant disease and insects, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of pest or disease control measures; or
- Wildlife.

# **Insurance Period**

Insurance coverage begins on the later of:

- Date we accept your application; or
- Date when the wheat is planted.

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;

- Abandonment of the crop; or
- October 31, 2016.

## **Reporting Requirements**

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

#### **Important Dates**

Sales Closing (Winter)	September. 30, 2015
Sales Closing (Spring)	March 15, 2016
Cancellation	September 30, 2015
Acreage Reporting (Winter)	December 15, 2015
Acreage Reporting (Spring)	July 15, 2016
Production Reporting	November 14, 2015

The final planting date and premium billing date vary by type and county. See actuarial documents at: <u>http://</u> webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/

actuarialinformationbrowser2016/CropCriteria.aspx for specific dates.

# **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 bushels guaranteed per unit. Multiply your APH yield per acre by the coverage level percentage you select by 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. You must submit the signed form by the sales closing date. Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is still available when this option is in effect.

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.

#### **Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies**

Wheat 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 75percent coverage level with an enterprise unit (EU), your coverage is 75 percent of your approved APH yield, the premium subsidy is 77 percent, and your premium share is 23 percent of the base premium. CAT coverage is available under the Yield Protection Plan at 50 percent of your APH yield and 55 percent of the projected price. 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	Unit	Percent							
Cov. Level		50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85
Subsidy	EU	80	80	80	80	80	77	68	53
	BU	67	64	64	59	59	55	48	38
	OU	67	64	64	59	59	55	48	38
	WU	80	80	80	80	80	80	71	56

BU - Basic UnitEU - Enterprise UnitOU - Optional UnitWU - Whole Farm Unit

#### **Projected and Harvest Price**

**Commodity Exchange Price Provisions (CEPP)** -Contains information necessary to set the projected price and the harvest price for the insured crop. Information includes the price discovery period, release dates, board of trade(s) used, and additional pricing information. Contact your agent or go to the RMA website at <u>www.rma.usda.gov</u>.

#### **Unit Division**

**Basic Unit (BU)** - A basic unit includes all of your insurable wheat acreage in the county by share arrangement. Premium discounts apply.

**Optional Unit (OU)** - 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.

**Enterprise Unit (EU)** - Generally, all the insured crop acreage in a county. Premium discounts apply.

Whole Farm Unit (WU) - Generally, all the insured crops in the county that are covered by the insurance plan. Premium discounts apply. Does not apply to Yield Protection Plan.

#### **Insurance Plans**

The Common Crop Insurance policy provides the choice of the following three plans:

**Yield Protection (01)** - Production guarantee based on individual yield history. Optional, basic, and enterprise units are available.

**Revenue Protection (02)** - Revenue protection including price protection with optional, basic, enterprise, and whole farm units.

**Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion** (03) - Revenue protection with harvest price exclusion with optional, basic, enterprise, and whole farm units.

## Options

#### Winter Wheat Coverage Endorsement

Under the 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. This endorsement is not available with CAT coverage.

#### **Supplemental Coverage Option**

The Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) is a new crop insurance option that provides additional coverage for a portion of your underlying crop insurance policy deductible. For further information see the SCO Fact Sheet at: <u>http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/2016sco.pdf</u>.

#### **Replant Provisions**

A replanting payment is allowed only if the 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 bushel guarantee and it is practical to replant. The replanting payment will be the lesser of 20 percent of the production guarantee or 4 bushels, multiplied by the projected price multiplied by your share. No replanting payment will be made on acreage initially planted prior to the earliest planting date. No replanting payment is available in the counties where only winter wheat is insurable. Replanting payments are not available with CAT coverage.

#### Late and Prevented Planting

These provisions provide protection on acreage that is planted after the final planting date or that cannot be planted. Prevented planting is not available for winter wheat in a county where spring wheat is also insurable. Not available for all plans of insurance. Please contact a crop insurance agent for details.

#### Loss Example (Winter Wheat)

**Yield Protection Example:** A loss occurs when the bushels of wheat produced for the unit fall below the

production guarantee as a result of damage from a covered cause of loss. This example assumes a 40 bushels per acre APH yield, 75-percent coverage level, 100 percent of the projected price, and basic unit coverage.

40	Bushels	per acre	APH yield	l
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- <u>x 0.75</u> Coverage level
- 30 Bushel guarantee
- 15 Bushels per acre actually produced 15 Bushels per acre loss
- <u>x \$6.00</u> Projected price (est.-announced in Sept. 2014)
  - \$90.00 Gross indemnity
- <u>\$12.50</u> Estimated premium per acre (varies)
  - \$77.50 Net indemnity

**Revenue Protection Example:** A loss occurs when the revenue for wheat produced for the unit falls below the revenue production guarantee as a result of price decline. This example assumes a 40 bushels per acre APH yield, 75-percent coverage level, 100 percent of the projected price, and basic unit coverage.

<u>x</u>	\$6.00	Bushels (see prior example) Projected price (estannounced in Sept. 2015) Guarantee
	15	Bushels per acre actually produced

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Х	\$5.50	Harvest price (est announced in
		Aug. 2016)
	\$82.50	Revenue

- \$97.50 Gross indemnity (\$180.00- \$82.50)
- \$15.50 Estimated premium (varies)
  - \$82.00 Net indemnity

Figures shown on a per acre basis; guarantees and losses paid are on a unit 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/.

# **Contact Us**

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