

St. Paul Regional Office — St. Paul, MN

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Popcorn

Iowa

Crop Insured

You can insure popcorn if:

- It is grown on insurable acreage;
- You have a share;
- It is planted for harvest as popcorn; and
- It is grown under, and in accordance with, a processor contract.

Open pollinated varieties are not insurable unless by a written agreement.

Counties Available

See counties available in the actuarial documents at webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/actuarialinformationbrowser2017/CropCriteria.aspx.

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 hail, frost, freeze, wind, drought, and excess moisture, but not frost or freeze after the designated frost/freeze date;
- Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured cause of loss during the insurance period;
- Fire, if due to natural causes;
- Insects and plant disease, 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 popcorn is planted.

Insurance coverage ends at the earliest of:

- Total destruction of the crop;
- Date the crop should have been harvested, but was not;

- Harvest of the unit;
- The date you fulfill your processor contract if the contract stipulates a specific amount of production to be delivered;
- Final adjustment of a loss;
- Abandonment of the crop; or
- December 10, 2017.

Important Dates

Sales Closing/Cancellation	March 15, 2017
Earliest Planting	April 11, 2017
Final Planting	May 20, 2017
Acreage Reporting	July 15, 2017
Premium Billing	August 15, 2017
Production Reporting	April 29, 2018

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report - You must report all of your popcorn acreage in the county and provide a copy of all processor contracts by the acreage reporting date.

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown in the following table. For example, if you select the 75-percent coverage level with an enterprise unit, the premium subsidy is 77 percent, and your premium share is 23 percent of the base premium.

Coverage Level (percent)		50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85
Subsidy Factor	Enterprise Unit	80	80	80	80	80	77	68	53
	Basic Unit	67	64	64	59	59	55	48	38
	Optional Unit	67	64	64	59	59	55	48	38

Projected and Harvest Price

The prices are the prices for grain type corn based on the Commodity Exchange Price Provisions (CEPP) multiplied by a factor published in the actuarial documents. See the CEPP on the RMA website at www.rma.usda.gov/policies/cepp.html.

Unit Division

Basic Unit (BU) - If the processor contract specifies the number of acres to be planted, a basic unit consists of all your insurable popcorn acreage in the county by share arrangement. If the processor contract specifies the amount of production to be delivered, a basic unit consists of all acreage planted to the insured crop in the county that will be used to fulfill contracts with each processor. Premium discounts apply.

Optional Unit (OU) - If the processor contract specifies the number of acres to be planted, and if a basic unit consists of land in two or more sections and certain record keeping 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.

Plans of Insurance

Yield Protection - Protects against a production loss. The harvest price is not used.

Revenue Protection - Protects against loss of revenue due to a production loss, change in price, or a combination of both.

Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion - Protects against loss of revenue due to a production loss, price decline, or a combination of both.

Catastrophic Coverage (CAT) - Covers 50 percent of your APH yield and 55 percent of the projected price.

Endorsements and Options

Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) - Provides additional coverage for a portion of your underlying crop insurance policy deductible.

APH Yield Exclusion Option - Allows you to exclude actual yields from your APH for select counties, and contiguous counties, in years that had an average county yield of at least 50 percent below the average county yield of the ten previous crop years. Available with CAT or buy-up policies.

Replant Provisions

You may receive a replant payment if:

- It is practical to replant;
- The appraisal does not exceed 90 percent of your guarantee; and
- You replant at least 20 acres or 20 percent of the unit.

It will be considered practical to replant within or prior to the late planting period unless the insurance company determines otherwise. Replant payments are not available on acreage initially planted before the earliest planting date or on CAT policies.

Late and Prevented Planting

Late Planting Period - If you plant after the final planting date, the insurance guarantee is reduced by one percent for each day after the final planting date, provided the processor will accept late-planted production. After 25 days, your prevented planting coverage will be 60 percent of your production guarantee for timely planted acreage. You may increase your prevented planting coverage for an additional premium to a level specified in the actuarial documents.

Prevented Planting - You may receive a prevented planting payment if you are unable to plant on or before the final planting date or within any applicable late planting period because of an insurable cause. Additional levels of prevented planting coverage are not available on CAT policies.

Loss Example

The examples assume a 3,500 pounds per acre APH yield, 75-percent coverage level, and basic unit coverage.

Yield Protection Example

3,500	Pounds per acre APH yield
x 0.75	Coverage level
2,625	Pounds guarantee
- 1,700	Actual pounds per acre produced
925	Pounds per acre loss
x \$0.17	Projected price (est. - announced in Mar.)
\$157.25	Indemnity

Revenue Protection Example

2,625	Pounds (see yield example)
x \$0.17	Projected price (est. - announced in Mar.)
\$446.25	Guarantee
1,700	Actual pounds per acre produced
x \$0.15	Harvest price (est. - announced in Nov.)
\$255.00	Revenue
\$446.25	Guarantee
- \$255.00	Revenue
\$191.25	Indemnity

Figures shown on a per acre basis. Guarantees and losses paid are on a unit basis. Your premium will be deducted from any indemnity payment. 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 www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html.

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