

Billings Regional Office - Billings, MT

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Safflower

Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota

Crop Insured

All safflower planted in the county for harvest as seed is insurable. Safflower in counties with no actuarial tables may be insurable by written agreement.

Counties Available

Montana - Big Horn, Blaine, Cascade, Chouteau, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Garfield, Golden Valley, Hill, Liberty, McCone, Phillips, Pondera, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Stillwater, Teton, Valley, Wibaux, and Yellowstone counties.

North Dakota - Adams, Benson, Bottineau, Bowman, Burke, Divide, Dunn, Golden Valley, Grant, Hettinger, McHenry, McKenzie, McLean, Morton, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, Slope, Stark, Ward, and Williams counties.

South Dakota - Bennett, Corson, Fall River, Haakon, Harding, Jackson, Meade, Pennington, Perkins, and Shannon counties.

Causes of Loss

You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions;
- Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured peril occurring during the insurance period;
- Fire;
- Insects and plant diseases, 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:

- The date we accept your application; or
- The date the insured crop is planted.

Insurance coverage ends the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

- Total destruction of the crop;
- October 31;
- Harvest;

- Abandonment of the crop; or
- Final adjustment of a loss.

Important Dates

Sales Closing	March 15, 2014
Initial Planting	Varies by County
Final Planting	Varies by County
Acreage Reporting	July 15, 2014
Premium Billing	August 15, 2014
Production Reporting	April 29, 2015

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report - You must report all your safflower acreage in the county, both insured and uninsured, including share, type, practice, and land identifiers by the acreage reporting date.

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is 50 percent of your average yield and 55 percent of the price election. The cost for CAT coverage is an administrative fee of \$300, regardless of the acreage. There is no additional premium for CAT. For insurance coverage above 50 percent (buy up), a \$30 administrative fee is charged per crop per county. Additional premium applies. Premium is discounted for all units except optional units.

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

For example, at the 70-percent coverage level, an average yield of 650 pounds per acre would result in a guarantee of 455 pounds per acre and a producer paid premium of 41 percent of the base premium.

Insurance Plans Available

Actual Production History (APH) - Provides protection against a production loss. Guarantee is based on individual yield history multiplied by the price election.

Price Elections

The value per pound is established annually and published in the actuarial documents. In addition, for organic producers who grow under a guaranteed contract, contract pricing options are available under the terms of the Contract Price Addendum (CPA) published on RMA's website.

Rotation Requirements

Acreage on which safflower, sunflowers, dry beans, soybeans, mustard, rapeseed, or lentils was grown in the preceding crop year is not insurable.

Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss

- Protect the crop from further damage by providing sufficient care;
- Notify your agent within 72 hours of your initial discovery of damage (but not later than fifteen days after the end of the insurance period; and
- You cannot destroy or put the crop to another use without prior approval.

Loss Example

Assumes an actual production history (APH) average yield of 500 pounds per acre, 75-percent coverage level, one basic unit, and 100-percent share in the crop.

	500	Pounds per acre APH yield
x	0.75	Coverage level
	375	Pound guarantee per acre
-	100	Pounds per acre actual yield
	275	Pounds per acre loss
x	\$0.27	Elected price
	\$74.25	Gross indemnity per acre

Your premium will be deducted from an indemnity payment.

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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