

## Billings Regional Office — Billings, MT

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# Safflower

## Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota

### Crop Insured

Safflower planted and grown for harvest as seed is insurable in counties where a premium rate is provided by the actuarial documents.

### 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.

Safflower in counties with no actuarial documents may be insurable by written agreement. Contact your crop insurance agent for more information.

### Causes of Loss

You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions;
- Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured peril during the insurance period;
- Fire;
- Insect damage and plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures; or
- Wildlife.

### Insurance Period

Insurance coverage begins on the later of the date your application is accepted or the date the insured crop is planted.

Insurance coverage ends with 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, 2015
Initial Planting .....	Varies by County
Final Planting .....	Varies by County
Acreage Reporting .....	July 15, 2015
Premium Billing .....	August 15, 2015
Production Reporting .....	April 29, 2016

### 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. The 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.

## Price Elections

The value per pound is established annually and published in the actuarial documents. 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 at: [www.rma.usda.gov/policies/2014/14cpa-r.pdf](http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/2014/14cpa-r.pdf).

## Insurance Plans Available

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

## 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

You must perform the following 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 15 days after the end of the insurance period); and
- You cannot destroy or put the crop to another use without prior approval.

## Loss Example

Assume an 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
<b>\$74.25</b>	<b>Indemnity per acre</b>

Your premium will be deducted from any indemnity payment.

## Where to Buy Crop Insurance

All multi-peril crop insurance, including CAT policies, are available from private crop 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/](http://www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/agents/).

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