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# 2012 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

**Peanuts** Virginia

### **Crop Insured**

Peanuts planted for marketing as farmers' stock peanuts and of a type designated as insurable on the actuarial documents may be insurable, whether or not they are grown under a sheller contract.

Unless allowed by the special provisions, the policy does not cover peanuts that are planted for harvest as green peanuts or inter-planted with another crop or into an established grass or legume.

## **Counties Available**

Peanuts are insurable in Brunswick, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Isle of Wight, Prince George, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, and Suffolk City counties. Peanuts may be insurable in other counties if specific criteria are met. Contact a crop insurance agent for more details.

## **Causes of Loss**

Adverse weather conditions<sup>1</sup> Failure of irrigation water supply<sup>2</sup> Fire Insects and disease<sup>3</sup> Wildlife

<sup>1</sup>Natural perils such as hail, frost, freeze, drought, and excess moisture. <sup>2</sup>If due to insurable causes. <sup>3</sup>Does not include damage to insufficient or improper application of pest or disease control measures.

## **Insurance Period**

Coverage begins when the crop is planted and ends at the earliest of: (1) total destruction of the crop, (2) removal of peanuts from the field, (3) abandonment of the crop, (4) final adjustment of a claim, or (5) November 30.

## **Reporting Requirements**

Acreage Report— You must report all acres of your peanuts in which you have a share by June 30. In addition, if any acreage is being grown under contract, a copy of the contract must be provided.

### **Important Dates**

Sales Closing	March 15, 2012
Initial Planting	
Final Planting	June 10, 2012
Acreage Report Due	July 15, 2012

## **Definitions**

**Base Contract Price**—The price that is stipulated in the sheller contract, not to exceed the Price Election times the price factor of 1.20.

**Production Guarantee**—Number of pounds guaranteed determined by multiplying your average yield (based on your records) times the coverage level you elect times your planted acres.

**Price Election**—The price used to calculate your premium or indemnity. Price elections are posted on the RMA Web site at:

<u>http://webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/</u> ActuarialInformationBrowser/Default.aspx

## **Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss**

(1)Protect the crop from further damage by providing sufficient care; (2) 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 (3) leave representative samples intact for each field of the damaged unit.

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

Coverage level options range from 50 to 85 percent of your average APH yield and are subsidized as shown in the table below. As an example, an average peanut yield of 3,000 pounds per acre would result in a guarantee of 2,250 pounds per acre at the 75-percent coverage level. From the table, if you selected the 75percent coverage level, your premium share would be 45 percent of the base premium:

Coverage Level %	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85
Premium Subsidy %	67	64	64	59	59	55	48	38
Your Premium Share %	33	36	36	41	41	45	52	62

Catastrophic (CAT) coverage is fixed at 50 percent of average yield and 55 percent of the price election. CAT is 100-percent subsidized with no premium cost to you except for an administrative fee of \$300, regardless of the acreage.

#### **Insurance Units**

If all of your insurable peanut acreage in the county (for example, one or more farm serial numbers) is insured as one basic unit, you will be eligible for a 10 -percent premium discount. Optional units by farm serial number are available (for both contracted and non-contracted peanuts) if you maintain separate records by unit and meet all the guidelines as specified in the basic provisions.

#### **Replant Provisions**

A replanting payment is allowed if your peanut 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 guarantee and it is practical to replant. The maximum replanting payment per acre will be the lesser of:

- Your price election multiplied by 20percent of your per acre production guarantee; or
- \$80 per acre.

Note: Replanting payments are not available with CAT coverage.

#### **Prevented Planting**

Provisions provide a reduced amount of protection on acreage that cannot be planted at all due to insurable causes. Consult a crop insurance agent for more details.

#### Loss Example

This example is based on peanuts on a non-irrigated average yield of 3,000 pounds per acre, 75-percent coverage level, and one basic unit.

	3,000	Pounds per acre average yield
X	.75	Coverage level
	2,250	Pounds per acre guarantee
_	950	Pounds per acre harvested
	1,300	Pounds per acre loss
X	.288	Price election
	\$374	Indemnity per acre
_	\$26	Estimated premium per acre
	\$348	Net indemnity per acre

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