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2013 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

Green Peas

Maine

Crop Insured

The crop insured will be **shell type** and **pod type green peas**, grown under the requirements of a processor contract executed by July 15 and not excluded from the contract at any time during the crop year. Unless allowed by the special provisions or by written agreement, the policy **does not insure** any acreage that is:

- 1) Interplanted with another crop;
- 2) Planted into an established grass or legume; or
- 3) Planted as a nurse crop.

Counties Available

Green peas are insurable in Aroostook County. Green peas may be insurable in other counties if specific criteria are met. Contact an agent for more details.

Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions¹
 Failure of irrigation water supply²
 Fire
 Insects³
 Plant disease³
 Wildlife

¹Natural perils such as hail, freeze, frost, drought, wind, and excess precipitation.

²If caused by an insured peril during the insurance period.

³Except for insufficient or improper application of control measures.

Note: This policy **does not cover** any loss of production due to bypassed acreage because of the breakdown or non-operation of equipment or facilities or failure to follow requirements as specified in the processor contract.

Insurance Period

Coverage usually begins when the peas are planted and ends the earliest of:

- 1) Destruction of the crop;
- 2) The date the green peas should have been harvested but were not;
- 3) Abandonment of the crop;
- 4) Completion of harvest;

- 5) The date you harvest sufficient production to fulfill your contract if a specific amount is so stipulated;
- 6) Final adjustment of a loss; or
- 7) September 15 (September 30 if you provided notice that crop will be harvested as dry peas).

Reporting Requirements

You must report to your agent all acres of green peas in which you have a share, and provide a copy of all of your processor contracts by the acreage reporting date established for your county.

Important Dates

Sales Closing Date	March 15, 2013
Final Planting Date.....	June 30, 2013
Acreage Reporting Date	July 15, 2013

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; and
- 3) leave representative samples intact for each field of the damaged unit.

Definitions

Bypassed Acreage: Land on which production is ready for harvest but the processor elects not to accept such production so it is not harvested.

Good Farming Practices: The cultural practices generally in use in the county for the crop to make normal progress toward maturity and produce at least the yield used to determine the production guarantee and are those required by the green pea processor contract with the processing company, and recognized by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service as compatible with agronomic and weather conditions in the county.

Green Peas: Shell type and pod type peas that are grown under a processor contract to be canned or frozen and sold for human consumption.

Nurse Crop (companion crop): A crop planted into the same acreage as another crop, that is intended to be harvested separately, and which is planted to improve growing conditions for the crop which it is grown.

Price Election: The price per pound stated in the processor contract (contracted price) for the tenderometer reading, grade factor, or sieve size contained in the special provisions.

Processor Contract: A written agreement between the producer and a processor, containing at a minimum: (a) the producer's commitment to plant and grow green peas, and to deliver the green pea production to the processor; (b) the processor's commitment to purchase all the production stated in the processor contract; and (c) a base contract price. Multiple contracts with the same processor that specify amounts of production will be considered as a single processor contract unless the contracts are for different types of green peas.

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your average yield (for example, an average yield of 3,500 pounds per acre would result in a 2,275 pounds per acre guarantee at the 65 percent coverage level) and are subsidized as shown in the table. As an example, if you selected the 75 percent coverage level, your premium share would be 45 percent of the base premium.

Item	Percent					
	50	55	60	65	70	75
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

Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is fixed at 50 percent of your average yield and 55 percent of the price election. The cost for CAT coverage is an administrative fee of \$300.

Loss Example

This example is based on green peas with an approved yield of 3,500 pounds per acre, 65 percent coverage level, contract price of 10 cents per pound, non-irrigated, and one basic unit.

3,500	Approved Yield per acre
<u>x .65</u>	Coverage level
2,275	Acre guarantee
<u>- 575</u>	Production-to-Count
1,700	Loss per acre
<u>x \$.10</u>	Contract price per pound
\$170	Indemnity per acre
<u>- \$11</u>	Estimated Premium
\$159	Indemnity/Acre

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