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## 2013 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

# Tobacco (Burley, Dark Air, Fire, Flue) Virginia

### Crop Insured

The tobacco policy covers the following tobacco types in Virginia:

- 1) Burley: Type 31
- 2) Dark Air: Type 37
- 3) Flue Cured: Type 11A
- 4) Fire Cured: Type 21

Note: Beginning in 2013, flue-cured tobacco and burley tobacco planted in Virginia is subject to a crop rotation requirement to be eligible for crop insurance. Tobacco will not be insurable on any acreage on which tobacco was planted in the two previous crop years. For example, a producer who planted tobacco on land in 2011 and 2012 will not be able to insure tobacco on that same land in 2013. Producers should review their cropping history and plan accordingly to ensure that their acreage is eligible for tobacco crop insurance.

### Counties Available

Tobacco is insurable in the following counties:

Burley insurance is available in: Appomattox, Bedford, Bland, Brunswick, Buchanan, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Cumberland, Dickenson, Grayson, Halifax, Lee, Mecklenburg, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, and Wythe Counties.

Dark Air insurance is available in: Powhatan County.

Fire Cured insurance is available in: Amelia, Appomattox, Bedford, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Franklin, Greensville, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, and Prince Edward Counties.

Flue cured insurance is available in all counties where the type has historically been grown. Tobacco acreage may be insurable in other counties by written agreement if specific criteria are met. Contact an agent for more details.

### Causes of Loss

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

<sup>1</sup>Natural perils such as hail, freeze, frost, drought, wind, and excess precipitation.

<sup>2</sup>If caused by an insured peril during the insurance period.

<sup>3</sup>Except for insufficient or improper application of control measures.

### Insurance Period

Coverage begins at transplanting and ends at the earlier of:

- 1) Total destruction of the tobacco on the unit;
- 2) Removal of the tobacco from the unit where grown, except for curing, grading, and packing;
- 3) Abandonment of the crop on the unit;
- 4) Final adjustment of the loss on the unit; or
- 5) November 30, 2013 for Type 11A, February 28, 2014 for Type 31, March 15, 2014 for Type 37, and April 15, 2014 for Type 21.

### Important Dates

Sales Closing Date.....March 15, 2013  
 Acreage Reporting Date..... July 15, 2013

### Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss

- 1) If crop damage occurs, give notice within 72 hours of initial discovery of damage;
- 2) Protect the crop from further damage if possible by providing sufficient care;
- 3) If representative samples are required of any unharvested acreage, the strips must be at least 5 feet wide (at least two rows), extending the entire length of the field. Samples must not be harvested or destroyed until after a field inspection is made; and
- 4) If you give notice of damage, you must leave all tobacco stalks and stubble intact until inspected.

## Definitions

**Approved Yield:** The average yield per acre based upon your actual production history (APH) and used to determine your production guarantee.

**Production Guarantee:** Pounds guaranteed per acre determined by multiplying your approved yield times the coverage level percentage you select.

## Price Elections

TYPE		PRICE ELECTION
31	Burley	<b>\$1.80</b>
37	Dark Air	<b>\$1.50</b>
11A	Flue Cured	<b>\$1.75</b>
21	Fire Cured	<b>\$2.07</b>

## Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your average yield and are subsidized as shown in the table below. For example, if you select 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.

## Insurance Units

**Basic Unit:** A basic unit is all insurable acreage of an insurable type of tobacco in the county in which you have a share on the date of planting for the crop year and that is identified by a single Farm Service Agency farm number at the time insurance first attaches under these provisions for the crop year. Premiums are reduced 10 percent for a basic unit.

## Late Planting

For any insured acreage initially planted after the final planting date (FPD), the production guarantee will be reduced as follows:

- 1) One percent per day if planted during the 1<sup>st</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> day immediately following the FPD; and
- 2) Two percent per day if planted during the 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the FPD.

The premium amount for late planted acreage will be the same as for timely planted acreage.

## Prevented Planting

Your prevented planting coverage will be 35 percent of your production guarantee for timely planted acreage. Additional prevented planting coverage levels are not available for tobacco.

## Loss Example

This example is based on flue cured tobacco with an approved yield of 2,213 pounds per acre, 75-percent coverage level, and one basic unit.

2,213	Approved Yield per acre
x .75	Coverage level
1,660	Acre guarantee
- 660	Production-to-Count
1,000	Loss per acre
x \$1.75	Price election
\$1,750	Indemnity per acre
- \$103	Estimated Premium
<b>\$1,647</b>	<b>Indemnity/Acre</b>

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