Processing Sweet Corn
Pennsylvania

Crop Insured

Coverage is available for processing sweet corn grown under the requirements of a processor contract executed by the acreage reporting date and not excluded from the contract at any time during the year. Processing sweet corn interplanted with another crop or planted into an established grass or legume is not insurable.

Counties Available

Processing sweet corn is insurable in Blair, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Dauphin, Lebanon, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Schuylkill, and York counties. Processing sweet corn may be insurable in other counties by written agreement if specific criteria are met. Contact a crop insurance agent for more details.

Causes of Loss

You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions, including natural perils such as hail, frost, freeze, wind, drought, and excess precipitation;
- Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured peril during the insurance period;
- Fire, if caused by an insured peril during the insurance period;
- Insect damage and plant disease, except for insufficient or improper application of control measures; or
- Wildlife.

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 your failure to follow the requirements contained in the processor contract.

Insurance Period

Coverage usually begins when the processing sweet corn is planted and ends with the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

- Destruction of the crop;
- Abandonment of the crop;
- Completion of harvest;
- The date the processing sweet corn should have been harvested but was not harvested;
- Final adjustment of a claim;
- The date sufficient production is harvested that fulfills an amount stipulated by contract; or
- September 20.

Important Dates

Sales Closing Date .... March 15, 2014
Acreage Reporting Date .... July 15, 2014

Reporting Requirements

You must file a report of planted acreage to your crop insurance agent by the acreage reporting date. Since acreage reporting dates vary by crop and county, consult your agent or for more information see: www.rma.usda.gov/tools/.

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
- Leave representative samples intact for each field of the damaged unit.

Definitions

Base Contract Price - The price stipulated in the processor contract for the grade factor or sieve size that is designated in the special provisions, if applicable, without regard to discounts or incentives that may apply.

This fact sheet gives only a general overview of the crop insurance program and is not a complete policy. For further information and an evaluation of your risk management needs, contact a crop insurance agent.

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

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage levels range from 50 to 85 percent of your average yield and are subsidized as shown in the table below. For example, an average yield of 5 tons per acre results in a guarantee of 3 tons per acre at the 60-percent coverage level.

Item	Percent							
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 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.

Price Election

The price election is the base contract price stated in your processor contract.

Prevented Planting

This provision provides a coverage amount of 40 percent of your production guarantee for timely planted acreage. Certain restrictions and criteria will apply. Contact a crop insurance agent for more details.

Late Planting

A late planting period is not available for processing sweet corn.

Loss Example

This example is based on an APH yield of 5 tons per acre, non-irrigated, 65-percent coverage level, and one basic unit.

5	APH yield per acre
x 0.65	Coverage level
3.3	Acre guarantee
– 1	Production-to-count
2.3	Loss per acre
x $119	Price election
$274	**Indemnity per acre**

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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