

Raleigh Regional Office — Raleigh, NC

Revised February 2016

Machine Harvested Pickling Cucumbers Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina

Crop Insured

Pickling cucumbers are insurable:

- They are planted for machine harvest;
- They are grown under the requirements of a green shipper or processor production contract executed by the acreage reporting date;
- You have a share; and
- They meet the rotation requirements in the special provisions.

Cucumbers interplanted with another crop or planted into established grasses or legumes are not insurable.

Counties Available

Delaware - Kent and Sussex counties.

Maryland - Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, and Talbot counties.

North Carolina - Bertie, Gates, Hertford, and Northampton counties.

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.

The policy does not insure against loss of production from acreage bypassed due to the breakdown or non-operation of equipment or facilities; cucumbers not being timely harvested, unless such delay in harvesting is solely due to an insured cause of loss; or the failure to follow the requirements in the production contract.

Insurance Period

Coverage begins at planting. Insurance ends with the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

- The date the pickling cucumbers were destroyed,

abandoned, harvested, or should have been harvested but were not harvested;

- The date you harvest sufficient production to fulfill your green shipper or processor production contract;
- Final adjustment of a loss;
- August 15 for North Carolina spring planted cucumbers;
- August 20 for Delaware and Maryland spring planted cucumbers;
- October 10 for Delaware and Maryland summer planted cucumbers; and
- October 15 for North Carolina summer planted cucumbers.

Important Dates

Sales Closing Date March 15, 2016

Delaware and Maryland

Final Planting Date (spring) June 25, 2016

Acreage Reporting Date (spring) July 15, 2016

Final Planting Date (summer) August 10, 2016

Acreage Reporting Date (summer) August 15, 2016

North Carolina

Final Planting Date (spring) June 15, 2016

Acreage Reporting Date (spring) July 15, 2016

Final Planting Date (summer) August 15, 2016

Acreage Reporting Date (summer) ... September 15, 2016

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report - An acreage report is a report of all insured acreage of pickling cucumbers. A report and a copy of all your green shipper or processor production contracts must be submitted to your crop insurance agent on or before the appropriate acreage reporting date.

Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss

Notice of Loss - If a loss occurs you should:

- Protect the crop from further damage by providing sufficient care;
- Notify your crop insurance agent within 48 hours of total destruction of the crop on the unit, or discontinuance of harvest of the crop on a unit on which unharvested production remains;
- Provide documentation to your crop insurance agent

for the reason the acreage was bypassed within 72 hours after the date harvest should have started; and

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

Definitions

Base Contract Price - Price per bushel for each cucumber size grade stipulated in the production contract for the current crop year and that is used to determine your price election. Base contract prices do not include any price for off-grade production.

Production Contract - An agreement, in writing, between the producer and a green shipper or processor, containing at a minimum:

- The producer's commitment to plant and grow cucumbers and to deliver the production to the green shipper or processor;
- The green shipper's or processor's commitment to purchase all the production stated in the production contract; and
- A base contract price for each cucumber size grade stipulated in the production contract.

Price Elections

The price used to calculate your premium or indemnity is the price provided in your production contract, up to \$7.48 per bushel in Delaware and Maryland and up to \$8.58 in North Carolina.

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your average yield and are subsidized as shown below. For example, an average actual production history (APH) yield of 120 bushels per acre results in a guarantee of 90 bushels per acre at the 75-percent coverage level.

Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is fixed at

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

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

Assume pickling cucumbers with an APH yield of 120 bushels, 75-percent coverage level, 100-percent share, and one basic unit.

120	APH Yield per acre
x 0.75	Coverage level
90	Acre guarantee
- 50	Production-to-Count
40	Loss per acre
x \$7.07	Production Contract Price
\$283	Indemnity per acre

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 www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html.

Contact Us

USDA/RMA
Raleigh Regional Office
4405 Bland Road, Suite 160
Raleigh, NC 27609

Telephone: (919) 875-4880

Fax: (919) 875-4915

E-mail: rsone@rma.usda.gov

Download Copies from the Web

Visit our online publications/fact sheets page at www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/fields/nc_rso/.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, complete, sign and mail a program discrimination complaint form, (available at any USDA office location or online at www.ascr.usda.gov), to: United States Department of Agriculture; Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights; 1400 Independence Ave., SW; Washington, DC 20250-9410. Or call toll free at (866) 632-9992 (voice) to obtain additional information, the appropriate office or to request documents. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay service at (800) 877-8339 or (800) 845-6136.