

Raleigh Regional Office — Raleigh, NC

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Cotton

North Carolina and Virginia

Crop Insured

All upland cotton grown in the county on insurable acreage may be insured if:

- Premium rates are provided;
- You have a share; and
- Planted for harvest as lint or seed.

Insurance coverage for cotton seed is available with the Cotton Seed Endorsement.

Counties Available

See your state's actuarial documents at webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/actuarialinformationbrowser/ for insurable counties. Cotton may be insurable in other counties if specific criteria are met. Talk to your 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.

Insurance Period

Coverage begins on the later of the date we accept your application or the date when the crop is planted. Coverage ends with the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

- Removal of cotton from the field;
- Final adjustment of a loss;
- Abandonment of the crop;

- Total destruction of the crop; or
- December 31, 2017.

Important Dates

Sales Closing Date - NC February 28, 2017
Sales Closing Date - VA March 15, 2017
Final Planting Date May 25, 2017
Acreage Reporting Date July 15, 2017

Reporting Requirements

File a report of planted acreage to your crop insurance agent by the established acreage reporting date.

Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss

Notice of Loss - If a loss occurs you must:

- Protect the crop from further damage by providing sufficient care;
- Notify your crop insurance 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.

Price Elections

Commodity Exchange Price Provisions (CEPP) contain information necessary to derive the projected price and the harvest price for the insured crop. The CEPP includes the price discovery period, release dates, board of trade used, and other pricing information. Talk to your crop insurance agent or visit prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/PriceDiscovery/.

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

The premium subsidy percentages and available coverage levels are shown in the chart on the next page. Your share of the premium is 100 percent minus the subsidy amount.

Item	Percent							
	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85
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.

Coverage Options

You may buy crop insurance coverage under one of the insurance plans offered.

Area Revenue Protection covers against loss of revenue due to a county level production loss, price decline, or a combination of both. It also provides revenue protection if the harvest price is greater than the projected price.

Area Revenue Protection with Harvest Price

Exclusion covers loss of revenue due to a county level production loss, price decline, or a combination of both.

Area Yield Protection covers loss of yield due to a county level production loss.

Revenue Protection provides protection against loss of revenue due to production loss, price decline or increase, or a combination of both.

Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion provides revenue protection based on the projected price only.

Stacked Income Protection (STAX) is an area-based revenue policy that may be purchased on its own, or with a companion upland cotton crop insurance policy.

Cottonseed (Pilot) Endorsement

This optional endorsement provides coverage for loss of cottonseed yield using a conversion of cotton lint production. You should contact a crop insurance agent for more information.

Late and Prevented Planting

These provisions provide protection on acreage planted after the final planting date or that cannot be planted. Consult a crop insurance agent for details.

Loss Example

Assume cotton with an approved yield of 800 pounds per acre, 75-percent coverage level, \$0.78 projected price, \$0.64 harvest price, and 200 pounds produced.

Yield Protection

800
x 0.75
600
x \$0.78
\$468

200
x \$0.78
\$156

\$468
- \$156
\$312

Approved yield per acre
Coverage level
Acre guarantee
Projected price
Insurance guarantee

Pounds produced
Harvest price
Production-to-count value

Insurance guarantee
Production-to-count value
Indemnity per acre

Revenue Protection

800
x 0.75
600
x \$0.78
\$468

200
x \$0.64
\$128

\$468
- \$128
\$340

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.

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