

Raleigh Regional Office — Raleigh, NC

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Fresh Market Tomato

Maryland

Crop Insured

Fresh market tomatoes are insurable if:

- Transplanted and grown for harvest as fresh market tomatoes;
- They are subject to a packing contract executed by the acreage reporting date;
- Grown by an operator who has grown or managed fresh market tomatoes for commercial sales in 1 of the 3 previous years; and
- Grown following proper crop rotation as outlined in the policy.

The policy does not cover acreage on which tomatoes were:

- Grown for direct marketing;
- Interplanted with another crop;
- Planted into an established grass or legume; or
- Directly seeded in the field.

Cherry, grape, plum, and roma type tomatoes are not insurable, except by written agreement.

Counties Available

Fresh market tomatoes are insurable in Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset, and Worcester counties. Fresh market tomatoes may be insurable by written agreement in other counties 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 damage that occurs or becomes evident after the tomatoes are harvested.

Insurance Period

Coverage begins when tomatoes are planted and ends with the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

- Total destruction of the crop;
- The date harvest is discontinued or completed;
- The date harvest should have started on unharvested acreage;
- 120 days after transplanting or replanting;
- Final adjustment of a claim; or
- October 15, 2017.

Important Dates

Sales Closing Date March 15, 2017
 Acreage Reporting Date June 15, 2017

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report - You must report all acres of the crop, in which you have a share in the county, to your crop insurance agent by the 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 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.

Coverage Levels

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your average yield and are subsidized as shown in the following table. At the 75-percent coverage level,

your premium share would be 45 percent of the base premium.

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

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 Elections

Established Price	\$7.85 per carton
CAT Price	\$4.32 per carton

Stage Guarantees

The production guarantee increases by stages at intervals until the full production guarantee is reached in the fourth stage. The stages and production guarantees are listed in the table below.

Stage	Interval	Percent of Guarantee
1	From planting until qualifying for stage 2.	50
2	From earlier of stakes driven, one tie/pruning, or 30 days after planting until qualifying for stage 3.	75
3	From earlier of the end of stage 2 or 60 days after planting, until qualifying for stage 4.	90
4	From the earlier of 75 days after planting or the beginning of harvest.	100

Replanting Payment

A replanting payment is allowed if your tomato crop is damaged by an insurable cause of loss and the acreage to be replanted has sustained a loss in excess of 50 percent of the plant stand. The maximum amount of the replanting payment per acre is 70 cartons multiplied by your price election.

Loss Example

Assume fresh market tomatoes with an actual production history (APH) yield of 1,272 cartons, 65-percent coverage level, irrigated-mulch-staked, and

one basic unit.

1,272	APH yield per acre
x 0.65	Coverage level
827	Acre guarantee
- 200	Production-to-count
627	Loss per acre
x \$7.85	Price election
\$4,922	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.

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