

Raleigh Regional Office — Raleigh, NC

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Onion

New York

Crop Insured

Red, white, and yellow onions are insurable if:

- You have a share in the crop;
- They are planted for harvest as storage or non-storage type;
- They are grown according to irrigated or non-irrigated practices; and
- They are intended for harvest as fresh onions (not for processing).

Onions are not insurable if they are:

- Green (bunch) onions, seed onions, chives, garlic, leeks, shallots, scallions, cipollini, pearl or any variety of small-diameter specialty onions;
- Planted into an established grass or legume; and
- Interplanted with a windbreak and the windbreak is destroyed within 70 days of seeding or transplanting.

Counties Available

Onions are insurable in Cayuga, Genesee, Madison, Oneida, Ontario, Orange, Orleans, Oswego, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, and Yates counties. Onions 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.

The policy does not insure against loss of production after onions are placed in storage.

Insurance Period

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

- Total destruction of the crop;
- 14 days after lifting or digging of the onions;
- Final adjustment of a claim;
- August 31, for non-storage onions;
- October 15, for storage onions; or
- Abandonment of the crop.

Important Dates

Sales Closing Date February 1, 2017
 Final Planting Date May 10, 2017
 Acreage Report Date May 15, 2017
 Premium Billing Date August 15, 2017

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report - Documents due to your crop insurance agent by the date shown in the actuarial documents under Important Dates, must include all acreage (insurable and uninsurable) in which you have a share.

Definitions

Non-storage Onions - Onions of a Bermuda, Granex, or Grano variety, or hybrids developed from these varieties that are harvested as a bulb and dried only a short time, and consequently have a higher moisture content.

Storage Onions - Onions, other than a Bermuda, Granex, or Grano variety, or hybrids developed from these varieties, that are harvested as a bulb and dried to a lower moisture content. They can be stored for several months under proper conditions without deterioration.

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 yield (APH) of 300 hundredweight (cwt.) per acre results in a guarantee of 195 cwt. per acre at the 65-percent coverage level.

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

Reds	\$26.50 per cwt.
Whites	\$17.70 per cwt.
Yellows	\$12.20 per cwt.

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 initial discovery; and
- Leave representative samples intact for each field of the damaged unit.

Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO)

SCO is available for onions. If selected, SCO provides additional coverage for a portion of your underlying crop insurance policy deductible.

Yield Exclusion (YE)

APH Yield Exclusion is available for onions. YE allows you to exclude yields in exceptionally bad years from your production history when calculating yields used to establish your crop insurance coverage.

Late and Prevented Planting

Your prevented planting coverage is 35 percent of your final stage production guarantee for timely planted acreage. Additional prevented planting coverage levels are not available for onions.

Loss Example

Assume yellow onions with an APH yield of 300 cwt. per acre, 65-percent coverage level, stage guarantees, 100-percent share, one-acre basic unit, and planted with a cover crop.

300	APH Yield per acre
x 0.65	Coverage level
195	Acre guarantee
- 65	Production-to-Count
130	Loss per acre
x \$12.20	Price election
\$1,586	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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