Crop Insured
Pickling cucumbers are insurable if:
- 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.
Pickling 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.

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, 2018
Delaware and Maryland
Final Planting Date (spring) ............... June 25, 2018
Acreage Reporting Date (spring) .............. July 15, 2018
Final Planting Date (summer) ............. August 10, 2018
Acreage Reporting Date (summer) ........ August 15, 2018
North Carolina
Final Planting Date (spring) ............... June 15, 2018
Acreage Reporting Date (spring) .............. July 15, 2018
Final Planting Date (summer) ............. August 15, 2018
Acreage Reporting Date (summer) ........ September 15, 2018

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.

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.
**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**

**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.

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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.

**Loss Example**

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

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120 & \quad \text{APH Yield per acre} \\
\times 0.75 & \quad \text{Coverage level} \\
- 90 & \quad \text{Acre guarantee} \\
\times 50 & \quad \text{Production-to-Count} \\
40 & \quad \text{Loss per acre} \\
\times 7.07 & \quad \text{Production Contract Price} \\
\$283 & \quad \text{Indemnity per acre}
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**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](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html).

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