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Cranberry

Oregon and Washington

Crop Insured

The crop insured will be all the **cranberries** in the county for which a premium rate is provided by the actuarial documents in which you have a share; that are grown for harvest as cranberries; that are grown in a bog that, if inspected, is considered acceptable; and that are grown on vines that have completed three growing seasons after the vines were set out, as provided by the actuarial documents or by written agreement.

Counties Available

Oregon: Coos and Curry count counties; **Washington:** Grays Harbor and Pacific counties

Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions (including hail, frost, freeze, wind, extreme cold temperatures, excess moisture); fire, unless weeds and other forms of undergrowth have not been controlled or pruning debris has not been removed from the bog; wildlife; earthquake; volcanic eruption; or failure of the irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured peril that occurs during the insurance period; or failure or breakdown of irrigation equipment facilities due to direct damage to the irrigation equipment or facilities from an insurable cause of loss if the cranberry crop is damaged by freezing temperatures within 72 hours of such failure or breakdown and repair or replacement was not possible before damage occurred.

In addition to the causes of loss excluded in the basic provisions of insurance, the insurance provider will not insure against damage or loss of production due to: disease or insect infestation, unless adverse weather: 1) prevents the proper application of control measures or causes properly applied control measures to be ineffective; or 2) causes disease or insect infestation for which no effective control mechanism is available; or inability to market the cranberries for any reason other than actual physical damage from an insurable cause of loss specified. (Example: No indemnity paid if insured is unable to market due to quarantine, boycott or refusal of any person to accept production.)

Insurance Period

Coverage begins on November 21 of each crop year, except that for the year of application. If your application is received after November 11, but prior to November 21, insurance will attach on the 10th day after your properly completed application is received by the insurance agent, unless we inspect the acreage during the 10-day period and determine that it does not meet insurability requirements. You must provide any information that we require for the crop or to determine the condition of the bog. **Note:** For each subsequent crop year the policy remains continuously in force, coverage begins on the day immediately following the end of the insurance period for the prior crop year. The calendar date for the **end of the insurance period** for each crop year is November 20.

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report: You must report to your insurance agent all of the acreage of the insured crop which you have a share (your share at the time insurance attaches). Policyholders should contact their insurance agent for specific details.

Important Dates

Sales Closing	November 20
Production Reporting Date	January 15
Acreage Report Date	January 15

The dates shown above will apply to all Oregon and Washington counties where cranberry insurance is available.

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.

Production Guarantees

Yields are based on actual production records reported to your insurance agent and/or company. There is also an optional adjustment of low yields in your actual production history. Contact your insurance agent for specific details.

Price Elections

Price at which you are compensated per barrel in the event of a loss. An insured can only select one price election for all the cranberries in the county insured under a cranberry policy. Contact your insurance agent for details.

Guarantee Options

Choice of variable percentages of your approved average yield, from 50 percent up to 75 percent.

Catastrophic Coverage

Catastrophic (CAT) coverage is available at the 50% coverage level and 55 percent of maximum price election. See your crop insurance agent for specific details.

Administrative Fees

Catastrophic (CAT) Coverage: \$100 per crop per county. Additional Coverage: \$30 per crop per county. Waivers of administrative fees for **all** coverage levels (CAT and additional) are available for limited resource farmers.

Late or Prevented Planting and Replant Payment

Not applicable to cranberry insurance policies.

Loss Example

Cranberries: (Assume: 65-percent level of coverage; 100-percent price election of \$32 per barrel (price election); an average yield of 100 barrels per acre; one acre bog; 100-percent share; short crop claims (40 barrel yield) would be:

100	Barrels per acre (APH)
<u>X 65%</u>	Coverage level
65	Barrels acre guarantee
1.0	Acres
40	Harvested barrels per acre
Production	-
25	Barrel per acre loss
<u>x \$32.00</u>	Price election \$/barrel
\$800.00	Indemnity due policy
	holder (less insurance
	premium due)

Where to Purchase

All MPCI, including CAT coverage insurance policies, are available from private insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers or at the RMA website: http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/companies/

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