

Spokane Regional Office — Spokane, WA

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Mint

Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

Crop Insured

All mint types in the county are insurable:

- Where a premium rate is provided by the actuarial document;
- You have a share;
- That are planted for harvest and distillation as mint oil;
- That have an adequate stand of 1.5 plants per square foot by the date coverage begins; and
- That your insurance provider inspected and accepted for the first crop year you have insurance coverage or you certify as having an adequate stand by the date coverage begins, starting your second year of insurance coverage.

Counties Where Available

Idaho - Ada, Canyon, Elmore, Owyhee, and Payette

Oregon - Baker, Benton, Crook, Klamath, Lane, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Umatilla, and Union

Washington - Adams, Benton, Franklin, Grant, Walla Walla, and Yakima

Coverage for the peppermint type is available in all counties. Coverage for native and scotch spearmint types is also available in Canyon County in Idaho, Malheur and Umatilla counties in Oregon, and Adams, Benton, Franklin, Grant, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties in Washington. Coverage for native and scotch spearmint types may also be available by written agreement.

Causes of Loss

- Adverse weather conditions, including natural perils such as hail, frost, freeze, wind, drought, and excess moisture.
- Earthquake
- 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.
- Insects but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures. Verticillium Wilt is not a covered cause of loss.

- Plant disease but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures. Verticillium Wilt is not a covered cause of loss.
- Volcanic Eruption
- Wildlife

Insurance Period

Insurance coverage begins on each unit or part of a unit with an adequate stand on May 16.

Insurance coverage ends for each unit or part of a unit with the earliest occurrence of one of the following conditions:

- 1) Total destruction of the insured crop on the unit;
- 2) Final adjustment of a loss on a unit;
- 3) Harvest;
- 4) Abandonment of the crop; or
- 5) October 31.

Acreage Report

You must report to your insurance agent the acreage with an adequate stand in which you have a share (your share at the time insurance attaches). You must report the crop by type and practice.

Important Dates

Sales Closing Date:

Basic Coverage March 15
 Winter Option September 30

Acreage Reporting Date:

Basic Coverage July 15
 Winter Coverage Option December 15
 Cancellation Date September 30
 Termination Date November 30

Winter Coverage Option

The winter coverage option provides protection when any insured mint is damaged and does not meet the adequate stand requirement before basic coverage begins. This option provides a guarantee equal to 60 percent of the total guarantee. Coverage will attach if you choose this option when you apply, on or before the fall sales closing date for the crop year, pay the additional premium indicated in the actuarial documents, and have not chosen coverage under the Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage option. If you choose winter coverage, all of your insurable acreage

in the county will be insured under the winter coverage option. Optional winter coverage begins November 1 for all mint acreage with an adequate stand. Insurance protection provided under this option stops on May 15, and coverage continues under the basic policy beginning the next day, May 16.

Coverage and Price Elections

Coverage is based on your actual production history (APH) You can choose to cover a percent of your approved average yield, from 50 percent up to 75 percent, in 5-percent increments. The price election is the price you receive if you suffer a loss. You can choose a percent the price established for the crop year.

Insurable Acreage

Mint can be interplanted with a cover crop, if the cover crop is destroyed before its maturity and is not harvested as grain. The mint acreage must meet the rotation requirements (4 crop years) and age limitations (4 years for peppermint and scotch spearmint; 9 years for native spearmint). Separate requirements apply to Klamath County, Oregon. Talk to your agent for details.

We will not insure any production loss that:

- 1) Happens after harvest;
- 2) Is due to your failure to distill the crop, unless such failure is due to actual physical damage caused by an insured cause of loss that occurs during the insurance period; or
- 3) Is due to Verticillium Wilt disease.

Unit Structure

The mint policy offers a basic unit by type (peppermint, scotch spearmint, native spearmint) and share and an optional unit by section. No optional or type units are available with Catastrophic Risk Protection policies.

Catastrophic Coverage

Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is available at 50 percent of your APH yield and 55 percent of the established price election. The total cost for CAT coverage is an administrative fee of \$300 per crop per county. Administrative fees and premium costs for coverage levels above CAT are \$30 per crop per county. Waivers of administrative fees for all coverage levels (CAT and additional) are available for limited-resource farmers.

Loss Example

Assume 75-percent coverage level, a 100-percent price election per pound at \$10.75, and an average yield of 100 pounds per acre actual production history (APH).

100	Pounds per acre APH
x 0.75	Percent coverage level
75	Pound per acre guarantee
x 100	Acres
7,500	Pound unit guarantee
x \$10.75	Price coverage
\$80,625	Guarantee value

3,000	Pounds harvested production
x \$10.75	Price coverage
\$32,250	Harvested value

\$80,625	Guarantee value
- \$32,250	Harvested value
\$48,375	Loss indemnity due policyholder

Where to Buy Crop Insurance

All multi-peril crop insurance, including CAT policies, are available from private insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and on the RMA web site:

www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/

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