



Spokane Regional Office — Spokane, WA

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Onion

Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

Crop Insured

All storage and non-storage onions are insurable (except green [bunch] or seed onions, chives, garlic, leeks, shallots, and scallions) in a county where a premium rate has been established. Cipolline, pearl, or any variety of small-diameter, specialty onions are **not** insurable unless by written agreement. Onions planted for processing are only insurable in Klamath and Morrow counties in Oregon. These onion types may be insurable in other counties by written agreement. Talk to your insurance agent for more details.

Counties Available

Idaho – Canyon, Owyhee, Payette, and Washington
Oregon – Klamath, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Umatilla, and Washington
Washington – Adams, Benton, Franklin, Grant, Walla Walla, and Yakima

Separate onion fact sheets are available that outline program benefits to onion growers in Canyon, Owyhee, Payette, Washington, Klamath, Malheur, and Morrow counties.

Quality Coverage is available for spring-planted, storage-type, onion production in Canyon, Owyhee, Payette, Washington, and Malheur counties.

Coverage for **processing onions** is available for spring-planted, white, and yellow storage type varieties planted and contracted for dehydration and processing only in Klamath and Morrow counties.

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 year
- Fire, if caused by an insured peril during the insurance year
- Insect damage, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures
- Plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures
- Volcanic Eruption
- Wildlife

Important Dates

Fall Planted Onions (Umatilla & Walla Walla only)

Sales Closing	August 31
Cancellation	August 31
Final Planting.....	September 15
Acreage Reporting.....	December 15

Spring Planted Onions

Cancellation	February 1
Sales Closing	February 1
Final Planting.....	varies by county
Processing type in Klamath	May 15
All Spring Types in Morrow	April 20
Acreage Reporting.....	July 15

Insurance Period

The insurance period ends with the **earliest** occurrence of one of the following conditions:

- 1) Total destruction of the crop;
- 2) Abandonment;
- 3) Removal of the onions from the field;
- 4) 14 days after lifting or digging;
- 5) Final adjustment of a loss; or
- 6) The calendar date for the end of the insurance period:
 - a. **July 31** for Walla Walla sweets and any other fall-planted non-storage onions in Oregon and Washington;
 - b. **August 31** for all non-storage onions; and
 - c. **October 15** for all storage onions **except** in Klamath County, with a **November 7** end of insurance.

Price Elections

Price at which you are compensated per hundredweight in the event of a loss. Choice of 55 to 100 percent of the expected market price. The price elections you choose for each type must have the same percentage relationship to the maximum price we offer for each type. For example, if you choose 100 percent of the maximum price election for one type, you must also choose 100 percent of the maximum price election for all other types. (Please check with your crop insurance agent for current crop year price election changes.)

Production Guarantees

Based on actual production history (APH) reported to your crop insurance agent or company, with your choice of 50 to 75 percent of your approved average yield (in 5-percent increments). Production guarantees are dependent on stages of growth development.

Separate stage guarantee adjustments are applicable to Klamath County. See your crop insurance agent for more details.

Late Planting

The planting provisions of the basic provisions are applicable. Contact your crop insurance agent for specific details.

Prevented Planting

Prevented planting coverage is 35 percent of the final stage production guarantee for timely planted acreage.

Replant Payment

A replanting payment is allowed if the crop is damaged by an insurable cause of loss so that the remaining stand will not produce at least 90 percent of the final stage production guarantee for the acreage and we determine that it is practical to replant. Replant payments are not applicable to onions insured under the Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage endorsement.

Catastrophic Coverage

CAT 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 are available for limited resource farmers.

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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