

# Spokane Regional Office — Spokane, WA

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# **Sweet Corn**

Idaho, Oregon, Washington

# **Crop Insured**

All the processing sweet corn in the county is insurable if:

- A premium rate is provided by the actuarial documents;
- You have a share:
- Grown under, and in accordance with, the requirements of a processor contract executed on or before the acreage reporting date and not excluded from the processor contract at any time during the crop year.

Acreage in Oregon's Willamette counties that is contracted with processors that do not have their base price finalized by the acreage reporting date is insurable. See clarification in the county special provisions.

#### **Counties Available**

**Idaho -** Bingham, Canyon, Cassia, Elmore, Gooding, Jerome, Minidoka, Owyhee, Payette, Power, Twin Falls, and Washington counties.

Oregon - Benton, Clackamas, Lane, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Umatilla, Washington, and Yamhill counties.

Washington - Adams, Benton, Cowlitz, Franklin, Grant, Grays Harbor, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Thurston, Walla Walla, Whatcom, and Yakima counties.

#### **Causes of Loss**

You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions, including excessive moisture that prevents the harvesting equipment from entering the field or that prevents the timely operation of harvesting equipment and abnormally hot or cold temperatures that cause an unexpected number of acres over a large producing area to be ready for harvest at the same time, affecting the timely harvest of a large number of such acres or the processing of such production is beyond the capacity of the processor, either of which causes the acreage to be bypassed;
- Earthquake;
- Failure of the irrigation water supply, if applicable, caused by an insured cause of loss that occurs during

the insurance period;

- Fire
- Insects, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of pest control measures;
- Plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of disease control measures; volcanic eruption; or
- Wildlife.

The insurance policy does not insure any loss of production due to bypassed acreage because of the breakdown or non-operation of equipment or facilities; or the availability of a crop insurance payment. The insurance provider may deny any indemnity immediately in such circumstance or, if an indemnity has been paid, require you to repay it to them with interest at any time acreage was bypassed due to the availability of a crop insurance payment; or your failure to follow the requirements contained in the processor contract.

# **Insurance Period**

Insurance attaches at the time of planting and ends with the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

- The crop is destroyed;
- The crop should have been harvested but was not harvested;
- Abandonment of the crop;
- The crop is harvested;
- The date you harvest sufficient production to fulfill the processor contract if the processor contract stipulates a specific amount of production to be delivered;
- Final adjustment of a loss on a unit;
- September 30 in Malheur County, Oregon and all Idaho counties; or
- October 20 in all other Oregon counties and in all Washington counties.

#### **Important Dates**

Sales Closing	March 15, 2014
Final Planting Date	
Acreage Report Date	July 15, 2014
Cancellation & Termination	•

# **Reporting Requirements**

Acreage Report - You must report to your insurance agent all of the acreage in which you have a share (your share at the time insurance attaches), reporting the crop by type and practice. You must also provide a copy of all processor contracts to the insurance provider on or before the acreage reporting date.

#### **Definitions**

**Bypassed Acreage -** Land on which production is ready for harvest but the processor elects not to accept such production so it is not harvested.

**Processor Contract** - A written agreement between the producer and a processor, or between the producer and a broker, containing at a minimum:

- The producer's commitment to plant and grow sweet corn, and to deliver the sweet corn production to the processor;
- The processor's commitment to purchase all production stated in the processor contact; and
- A base contact price.

Multiple contracts with the same processor that specify amounts of production will be considered as a single processor contract.

#### **Guarantee Choices**

Choice of variable percentages of your approved average yield, from 50 percent up to 85 percent, in 5 percent increments.

#### **Late Planting**

For 2012 and succeeding crop years, the late planting provisions are now applicable to counties in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

#### **Prevented Planting**

Coverage is 40 percent of your production guarantee for timely planted acreage. If you have coverage greater than the catastrophic endorsement level and you agree to pay an additional premium, you may increase your prevented planting coverage to a level specified in the actuarial documents.

#### **Administrative Fees**

CAT coverage is \$300 per crop, per county. Additional coverage is \$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 100-percent share, 80-percent coverage, 100-percent price election of \$60 per ton, and an average yield of 9 tons per acre.

\$132.00	Gross indemnity per acre
x \$60.00	Price per ton (at 100-percent)
2.2	Ton per acre loss
<u>- 5.0</u>	Ton actually harvested/produced
7.2	Ton per acre guarantee
<u>x 0.80</u>	Coverage level
9.0	Ton per acre average yield

## Where to Buy Crop Insurance

All insurance policies, including CAT policies, are available from private insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA service centers or on the RMA website: www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/.

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