

## Spokane Regional Office — Spokane, WA

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# Potato

## Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington

### Crop Insured

All the potatoes in the county are insurable if a premium rate is provided.

### Counties Available

**Alaska** - Fairbanks North Star, Matanuska-Susitna, and Southeast Fairbanks counties.

**Idaho** - Ada, Bannock, Bingham, Blaine, Bonneville, Butte, Canyon, Caribou, Cassia, Clark, Custer, Elmore, Franklin, Fremont, Gooding, Jefferson, Jerome, Lincoln, Madison, Minidoka, Owyhee, Payette, Power, Teton, Twin Falls, and Washington counties.

**Oregon** - Baker, Clackamas, Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Washington counties.

**Washington** - Adams, Benton, Clark, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Skagit, Snohomish, Walla Walla, Whatcom, and Yakima counties.

### Causes of Loss

You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions;
- Earthquake;
- Failure of the irrigation water supply, if 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.

### Insurance Period

In addition to the conditions of Section 11 of the Basic Provisions, the end of the insurance period is October 1 for all Alaska counties, and October 31 for all counties in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, with the exception of November 30 for red skinned varieties in Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom counties in Washington.

### Important Dates

Sales Closing ..... March 15, 2015  
 Final Planting Date ..... See County Actuarial  
 Acreage Report Date ..... July 15, 2015  
 Cancellation & Termination Date ... March 15, 2016

### Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI)

MPCI plans are designed to protect a potato operation's source of income and help achieve greater financial security. The following elements of the potato crop insurance provisions provide flexibility to tailor insurance protection to your individual needs. Please contact a crop insurance agent for specific details related to your policy and county.

### Northern Potato Crop Provisions (Basic Coverage)

Late and prevented planting protection is available. Quality adjustment for tuber production damaged by freeze, or other insurable causes that result in tuber soft rot is provided with the basic coverage. This additional tuber freeze and soft rot coverage is also applicable for producers insuring at the catastrophic (CAT) level.

### Northern Potato Quality Endorsement (Optional)

Provides quality protection for production with internal defects that cannot be sorted from undamaged production and external defects. You can choose U.S. Number 1 or better, U.S. Number 2

or better (Fresh), or U.S. Number 2 or better (Processing) Grade Standards. Coverage on acreage grown for the production of seed is excluded. Production harvested or appraised prior to reaching full maturity that does not meet the U.S. Grade selected by you, solely as a result of size, will be considered to have met the U.S. Grade.

### **Northern Potato Processing Quality Endorsement (Optional)**

Provides additional quality protection for unacceptable levels of specific gravity, sugar ends, and poor fry or chip color. The processing quality endorsement attaches to and amends the standard quality endorsement. Coverage under this endorsement is available in many counties, check with your crop insurance agent for availability.

### **Northern Potato Certified Seed Potato Endorsement**

Certified seed coverage is limited to no greater than 125 percent of the average number of acres entered into, and passing state certification during the 3 previous years (unless a written agreement allows more acreage to be insured). Coverage under this endorsement is available in many counties, check with your crop insurance agent for availability. Loss of production and loss of certification are covered. Rotation requirement and standards for parent seed are according to state certification regulations. An additional value of protection is applicable to seed producers with acreage within state-sanctioned, seed management areas or isolation districts.

### **Northern Potato Storage Coverage Endorsement**

Extended coverage for damage that occurs within the insurance period, but that does not become evident until a later time (up to 60 days, following harvest) if damage results in:

- Tuber rot;
- Certain internal defects (applicable only if the you elected coverage under the northern potato crop insurance quality endorsement); or
- Unacceptable specific gravity, sugar ends, or fry/chip color (applicable only if you elected coverage under the northern potato processing quality endorsement).

### **Coverage Levels**

You can choose 50 to 85 percent (up to 75 percent in Alaska) of your approved average yield in 5 percent increments. Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is available at the 50-percent coverage level.

### **Administrative Fees**

CAT coverage is \$300 per crop, per county. Additional coverage is \$30 per crop, per county.

### **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 or on the RMA website: [www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/](http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/).

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