

## Spokane Regional Office — Spokane, WA

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# Blueberries

## Oregon and Washington

### Crop Insured

Blueberries are insurable if:

- They are the Highbush or Rabbiteye types (irrigated and non-irrigated); and
- They have produced an average of 4,000 pounds per acre in either of the 2 most recent crop years.

We may require a field inspection to determine insurability. To insure any acreage that does not meet the minimum yield requirement, you may request a determined yield analysis from your regional office.

### Counties Available

**Oregon** - Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Linn, Marion, Morrow, Washington, and Yamhill counties.

**Washington** - Benton, Clark, Cowlitz, Franklin, Grant, Lewis, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, Walla Walla, Whatcom, and Yakima counties.

Coverage may be available by written agreement if certain criteria are met. Submit requests to your crop insurance agent.

### 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 control measures;
- Insufficient chilling hours;
- Plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of control measures;
- Volcanic eruption; or

- Wildlife.

Losses are not covered if due to:

- Failure to install and maintain proper drainage;
- Failure to harvest timely;
- Inability to market the fruit for any reason other than physical damage from a covered cause of loss; or
- Mechanical damage.

### Insurance Period

Coverage begins on November 21, and ends with the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

- Total destruction of the crop;
- Harvest of the crop;
- Final adjustment of a loss;
- Abandonment of the crop;
- September 15 for the early to late Highbush type; or
- October 15 for the very late Highbush and Rabbiteye types.

### Important Dates

Sales Closing ..... November 20, 2017

Production Reporting Date ..... January 15, 2018

Acreage Report Date ..... January 15, 2018

### Reporting Requirements

**Acreage Report** - You must report timely to your insurance company all acreage of the insured crop in the county in which you have a share.

### Production Guarantees

Your crop yields are based on actual production records you report to your crop insurance agent and/or your insurance company. There is also an optional adjustment of low yields in your actual production history available.

## Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Crop insurance premiums are subsidized, as shown in the table below. For example, if you chose the 65-percent coverage level, your premium share would be 41 percent of the base premium.

Item	Percent					
Coverage Level	50	55	60	65	70	75
Premium Subsidy	67	64	64	59	59	55
Your Premium Share	33	36	36	41	41	45

## Guarantee Options

You can choose 50 to 75 percent of your approved average yield (5-percent increments) in all counties where crop insurance is available.

## Catastrophic Coverage

Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is available at the 50-percent coverage level and 55 percent of maximum price election. See your crop insurance agent for more information.

## Administrative Fees

**CAT Coverage** - \$300 per crop per county.

**Additional Coverage** - \$30 per crop per county.

## Loss Example

Assume an average yield of 5,000 pounds per acre, 50-percent coverage level, and an irrigated practice.

5,000	Pounds per acre average yield
x 0.50	Coverage level percentage
2,500	Pounds per acre guarantee
- 1,000	Pounds per acre actually produced
1,500	Pounds per acre loss
x 0.88	Price election
<b>\$1,320</b>	<b>Indemnity per acre</b>
	<b>(less insurance premium due)</b>

## Where to Buy Crop Insurance

All insurance policies, including CAT policies, are available from private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at any USDA service center or on the RMA website at [www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html).

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