



Spokane Regional Office — Spokane, WA

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Buckwheat

Washington

Crop Insured

Buckwheat acreage is insurable if:

- You have a share;
- It is planted for harvest as grain; and
- Premium rates are provided by the actuarial documents.

Counties Available

Washington - Adams, Franklin, Grant, and Walla Walla counties. Insurance may be offered by written agreement. Contact a crop insurance agent for details.

Eligibility

Buckwheat acreage is insurable if the production is under a contract with a business enterprise equipped with facilities appropriate to handle and store buckwheat production. The contract must be executed by you and the business enterprise, in effect for the crop year, and a copy provided to the insurer no later than the acreage reporting date. To be considered a contract, the executed document must be enforced by the acreage reporting date and contain:

- A requirement that you plant, grow, and deliver buckwheat to the business enterprise;
- The amount of production that will be accepted or a statement that all production from a specified number of acres will be accepted;
- The price to be paid for the contracted production; and
- Other such terms that establish the obligation of each party to the contract.

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, if caused by an insurable peril during the insurance period;
- 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

Coverage begins on the later of the date of application or at the time of planting and ends with the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

- Total destruction of the insured crop;
- Harvest of the crop;
- Final adjustment of a loss on the unit;
- October 31, of the calendar year in which the crop is normally harvested in Washington State; or
- Abandonment of the crop.

Important Dates

Sales Closing March 15, 2018
Final Planting Date See County Actuarial
Acreage Report Date August 15, 2018

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report - You must report to your crop insurance agent all of the acreage in which you have a share.

Production Guarantees

Yields are based on actual production records reported to your crop insurance agent and/or company. There is also an optional adjustment of low yields in your actual production history. Contact your crop insurance agent for specific details.

Guarantee Choices

Choice of 50 to 75 percent of your approved average yield (5-percent increments) in all counties with a program.

Price Elections

The base contract price in U.S. dollars is used to determine your price election. You may also elect a percentage less than 100 percent of the base contract price stated in the processor contract.

Late Planting

The late planting provisions are not applicable. There is no late planting period.

Prevented Planting

Prevented planting provisions under specific circumstances provide protection on acreage that cannot be planted by the final plant date. Please consult your crop insurance agent to determine eligibility factors.

Replanting Payments

A replanting payment is available. The insured crop must have been damaged by an insurable cause of loss so the remaining stand does not produce at least 90 percent of the production guarantee. Not applicable for catastrophic coverage policies.

Catastrophic Coverage

Catastrophic coverage is available at the 50-percent coverage level and 55 percent of maximum price election.

Administrative Fees

Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is \$300 per crop per county. Additional coverage is \$30 per crop per county.

Loss Example

Assume 100-percent share, 75-percent coverage, contract price of \$6.10, and an average yield of 40 bushels per acre.

40	Bushels
x 0.75	Coverage level
30	Bushel per acre guarantee
- 10	Bushel per acre production
20	Bushel per acre loss
x \$6.10	Price election
\$122.00	Indemnity per acre (less insurance premium due)

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.

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