1. Definitions.
   Crop year - The period of time in which the onions are normally grown and designated by the calendar year in which the onions are normally harvested.
   Damaged onion production - Storage type onions that do not grade U.S. No. 1 or do not satisfy any other standards that may be contained in the Special Provisions; or non-storage type onions which do not satisfy standards contained in any applicable marketing order or other standards that may be contained in the Special Provisions.
   Days - Calendar days.
   Direct Marketing - Sale of the insured crop directly to consumers without the intervention of an intermediary such as a wholesaler, retailer, packer, processor, shipper or buyer. Examples of direct marketing include selling through an on-farm or roadside stand, farmer’s market, and permitting the general public to enter the field for the purpose of harvesting all or a portion of the crop.
   FSA - The Farm Service Agency, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, or a successor agency.
   Final planting date - The date contained in the Special Provisions for the insured crop by which the crop must initially be planted in order to be insured for the full production guarantee.
   Good farming practices - The cultural practices generally in use in the county for the crop to make normal progress toward maturity and produce at least the yield used to determine the production guarantee and are those recognized by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service as compatible with agronomic and weather conditions in the county.
   Harvest - Removal of the onions from the field after topping and lifting or digging.
   Hundredweight - 100 pounds avoidupoids.
   Interplanted - Acreage on which two or more crops are planted in a manner that does not permit separate agronomic maintenance or harvest of the insured crop.
   Irrigated practice - A method of producing a crop by which water is artificially applied during the growing season by appropriate systems and at the proper times, with the intention of providing the quantity of water needed to produce at least the yield used to establish the irrigated production guarantee on the irrigated acreage planted to the insured crop.
   Late planted - Acreage planted to the insured crop during the late planting period.
   Late planting period - The period that begins the day after the final planting date for the insured crop and ends 25 days after the final planting date.
   Lifting or digging - A pre-harvest process in which the onion roots are severed from the soil and the onion bulbs laid on the surface of the soil for drying in the field.
   Non-storage onions - Generally of a Bermuda, Granex, or Grano variety, or hybrids developed from these varieties, that are harvested as a bulb and dried only a short time, and consequently have a higher moisture content. They are thinner skinned, contain a higher sugar content, and are generally milder in flavor than storage onions. Due to a higher moisture and sugar content, they are subject to deterioration both on the surface and internally if not used shortly after harvest.
   Onion production - Onions of recoverable size and condition, with excess dirt and foliage material removed and that are not considered damaged onion production.
   Planted acreage - Land on which onion seed has been placed by a machine appropriate for the insured crop and planting method, or in which onion plants or sets have been transplanted by machine or by hand, at the correct depth, into a seedbed that has been properly prepared for the planting method and production practice. Onions must initially be planted in rows to be considered planted.
   Practical to replant - In lieu of the definition of "Practical to replant" contained in section 1 of the Basic Provisions, practical to replant is defined as our determination, after loss or damage to the insured crop, based on factors including but not limited to moisture availability, condition of the field, time to crop maturity, and marketing window, that replanting the insured crop will allow the crop to attain maturity prior to the calendar date for the end of the insurance period. It will not be considered practical to replant after the end of the late planting period unless replanting is generally occurring in the area.
   Prevented planting - Inability to plant the insured crop with proper equipment by the final planting date designated in the Special Provisions for the insured crop in the county or the end of the late planting period. You must have been unable to plant the insured crop due to an insured cause of loss that has prevented the majority of producers in the surrounding area from planting the same crop.
   Production guarantee (per acre):
   (a) First stage production guarantee - Thirty-five percent (35%) of the final stage production guarantee.
   (b) Second stage production guarantee - Sixty percent (60%) of the final stage production guarantee.
   (c) Final stage production guarantee - The quantity of onions (in hundredweight) determined by multiplying the approved yield per acre by the coverage level percentage you elect.
   Replanting - Performing the cultural practices necessary to replace the onion seed or onion transplants, and then replacing the onion seed or onion transplants in the insured acreage with the expectation of growing a crop that will produce at least the yield used to determine the production guarantee.
   Storage onions - Onions other than a Bermuda, Granex, or Grano variety, or hybrids developed from these varieties that are harvested as a bulb and dried to a lower moisture content, are firmer, have more outer layers of paper-like skin, and are darker in color than non-storage onions. They are generally more pungent, have a lower sugar content, and can normally be stored for several months under proper conditions prior to use without deterioration.
   Timely planted - Planted on or before the final planting date designated in the Special Provisions for the insured crop in the county.
   Topping - A pre-harvest process to initiate curing, in which onion foliage is removed or bent over.
   Type - A category of onions as identified in the Special Provisions.
   Written agreement - A written document that alters designated terms of this policy in accordance with section 15.

2. Unit Division.
   (a) Unless limited by the Special Provisions, a unit as defined in section 1 (Definitions) of the Basic Provisions, (basic unit) may be divided into optional units if, for each optional unit you
meet all the conditions of this section.

(b) Basic units may not be divided into optional units on any basis other than as described in this section.

(c) If you do not comply fully with these provisions, we will combine all optional units that are not in compliance with these provisions into the basic unit from which they were formed. We will combine the optional units at any time we discover that you have failed to comply with these provisions. If failure to comply with these provisions is determined to be inadvertent, and the optional units are combined into a basic unit, that portion of the additional premium paid for the optional units that have been combined will be refunded to you.

(d) All optional units you selected for the crop year must be identified on the acreage report for that crop year.

(e) The following requirements must be met for each optional unit:

(1) You must have records, which can be independently verified, of planted acreage and production for each optional unit for at least the last crop year used to determine your production guarantee;

(2) You must plant the crop in a manner that results in a clear and discernable break in the planting pattern at the boundaries of each optional unit;

(3) You must have records of marketed production or measurement of stored production from each optional unit maintained in such a manner that permits us to verify the production from each optional unit, or the production from each unit must be kept separate until after loss adjustment is completed by us; and

(4) Optional units meet one or more of the following, as applicable, unless otherwise provided by written agreement:

(i) Optional Units Based on Irrigated Acreage or Non-Irrigated Acreage: To qualify as separate irrigated and non-irrigated optional units, the non-irrigated acreage may not continue into the irrigated acreage in the same rows or planting pattern. The irrigated acreage may not extend beyond the point at which the irrigation system can deliver the quantity of water needed to produce the yield on which your guarantee is based. Except the corners of a field in which a center-pivot irrigation system is used will be considered as irrigated acreage if separate acceptable records of production from the corners are not provided. If the corners of a field in which the center-pivot irrigation system is used do not qualify as a separate non-irrigated optional unit, they will be a part of the unit containing the irrigated acreage. However, non-irrigated acreage that is not a part of a field in which a center-pivot irrigation system is used may qualify as a separate optional unit provided all requirements of this section are met; or

(ii) Optional Units Based on Onion Type: To qualify for a separate optional unit by type, that type of onion must be designated in the Special Provisions.


(a) In addition to the requirements of section 3 (Insurance Guarantees, Coverage Levels, and Prices for Determining Indemnities) of the Basic Provisions, you may select only one price election for all the onions in the county insured under this policy unless the Special Provisions provide different price elections by type, in which case you may select one price election for each onion type designated in the Special Provisions. The price elections you choose for each type must have the same percentage relationship to the maximum price offered by us 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.

(b) The production guarantee progresses, in stages, to the final stage production guarantee. Stages will be determined on an acre basis and at least 75% of the plants on such acreage must be at the same stage to qualify for the applicable stage guarantee. The stages are as follows:

(1) First stage extends from planting through the emergence of the third leaf for direct seeded onions, and has a guarantee of 35 percent of the final stage production guarantee.

(2) Second stage extends from emergence of the fourth leaf for direct seeded onions, or from transplanting of onion plants or sets, until the acreage has been subjected to topping and lifting or digging, and has a guarantee of 60 percent of the final stage production guarantee.

(3) Final stage extends from the completion of topping and lifting or digging on the acreage until the end of the insurance period, and is the quantity of onions (in hundredweight) determined by multiplying the approved yield per acre by the coverage level percentage elected.

(c) Any acreage of onions damaged in the first or second stage, to the extent that producers in the area would not normally further care for the onions, will be deemed to have been destroyed even though you may continue to care for the onions. The production guarantee for such acreage will not exceed the production guarantee for the stage in which the damage occurred.


In accordance with section 4 (Contract Changes) of the Basic Provisions, the contract change date is June 30 preceding the cancellation date for counties with an August 31 cancellation date, and November 30 preceding the cancellation date for all other counties.

5. Cancellation and Termination Dates.

In accordance with section 2 (Life of the Policy, Cancellation, and Termination) of the Basic Provisions, the cancellation and termination dates are:

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6. Annual Premium.

In lieu of the provisions of section 7(c) (Annual Premium) of the Basic Provisions, the annual premium amount is computed by multiplying the final stage production guarantee by the price election, the premium rate, the insured acreage, your share at the time of planting, and any applicable premium adjustment factors contained in the Actuarial Table.

7. Insured Crop.

In accordance with section 8 (Insured Crop) of the Basic Provisions, the crop insured will be all the storage and non-storage onions (excluding green (bunch) or seed onions, chives, garlic, leeks, and scallions) in the county for which a premium rate is provided by the Actuarial Table:

(a) In which you have a share;

(b) That are planted for harvest as either storage onions or non-storage onions;

(c) That are not (unless allowed by the Special Provisions or by written agreement):
(1) Interplanted with another crop, unless the onions are interplanted with a windbreak crop and the windbreak crop is destroyed within 70 days after completion of seeding or transplanting; or
(2) Planted into an established grass or legume.

8. Insurable Acreage.
In addition to the provisions of section 9 (Insurable Acreage) of the Basic Provisions, we will not insure any acreage of the insured crop that:
(a) Was planted the previous year to storage or non-storage onions, green (bunch) onions, seed onions, chives, garlic, leeks, shallots, or scallions unless different rotation requirements are specified in the Special Provisions or we agree in writing to insure such acreage; or
(b) Is damaged before the final planting date to the extent that the majority of producers in the area would normally not further care for the crop and is not replanted, unless we agree that it is not practical to replant.

(a) In addition to the provisions of section 11 (Insurance Period) of the Basic Provisions, the acreage must be planted on or before the final planting date designated in the Special Provisions except as allowed in section 14(c).
(b) The insurance period ends at the earliest of:
(1) The calendar date for the end of the insurance period as follows:
   (i) June 1 for Vidalia, and any other non-storage onions planted in the state of Georgia;
   (ii) July 15 for 1015 Super Sweets, and any other non-storage onions in the state of Texas;
   (iii) July 31 for Walla Walla Sweets, and any other non-storage onions in the states of Oregon and Washington;
   (iv) August 31 for all non-storage onions in any other state; and
   (v) October 15 for all storage onions; or
(2) The following event for each unit or portion of a unit:
   (i) Removal of the onions from the field; or
   (ii) Fourteen days after lifting or digging.

(a) In accordance with the provisions of section 12 (Causes of Loss) of the Basic Provisions, insurance is provided only against the following causes of loss that occur within the insurance period:
(1) Adverse weather conditions;
(2) Fire;
(3) Insects, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of pest control measures;
(4) Plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of disease control measures;
(5) Wildlife, unless control measures have not been taken;
(6) Earthquake;
(7) Volcanic eruption; or
(8) Failure of the irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured peril that occurs during the insurance period.
(b) In addition to the causes of loss not insured against as listed in section 12 (Causes of Loss) of the Basic Provisions, we will not insure against any loss of production due to damage that occurs or becomes evident after the end of the insurance period, including, but not limited to, loss of production that occurs after onions have been placed in storage.

11. Replanting Payment.
(a) In accordance with section 13 (Replanting Payment) of the Basic Provisions, a replanting payment is allowed if the crop is damaged by an insurable cause of loss to the extent 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.
(b) The maximum amount of the replanting payment per acre will be the lesser of 7 percent of the final stage production guarantee or 18 hundredweight multiplied by your price election for the type and by your insured share.
(c) When onions are replanted using a practice that is uninsurable as an original planting, the liability for the unit will be reduced by the amount of the replanting payment. The premium amount will not be reduced.

(a) In accordance with the requirements of section 14 (Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss) of the Basic Provisions, any representative samples of the unharvested crop that may be required must be at least 10 feet wide and extend the entire length of each field in the unit. The samples must not be harvested or destroyed until the earlier of our inspection or 15 days after harvest of the balance of the unit is completed.
(b) You must notify us at least 15 days before any production from any unit will be sold by direct marketing. We will conduct an appraisal that will be used to determine your production to count for production that is sold by direct marketing. If damage occurs after this appraisal, we will conduct an additional appraisal. These appraisals, and any acceptable records provided by you, will be used to determine your production to count. Failure to give timely notice that production will be sold by direct marketing will result in an appraised amount of production to count that is not less than the production guarantee per acre if such failure results in our inability to make the required appraisal.

(a) We will determine your loss on a unit basis. In the event you are unable to provide production records:
(1) For any optional units, we will combine all optional units for which acceptable production records were not provided;
(2) For any basic units, we will allocate any commingled production to such units in proportion to our liability on the harvested acreage for the units.
(b) In the event of loss or damage covered by this policy, we will settle your claim by:
(1) Multiplying the insured acreage by its respective production guarantee;
(2) Multiplying each result of section 13(b)(1) by the respective price election;
(3) Totaling the results in section 13(b)(2);
(4) Multiplying the total production to be counted (see section 13(c)) by the respective price elections you chose;
(5) Totaling the results of section 13(b)(4);
(6) Subtracting the result in section 13(b)(5) from the result in 13(b)(3); and
(7) Multiplying the result in section 13(b)(6) by your share.
(c) The total production (in hundredweight) to count from all insurable acreage on the unit will include:
(1) All appraised production as follows:
   (i) Not less than the production guarantee for acreage:
      (A) That is abandoned;
      (B) That is direct marketed to consumers if you fail to meet the requirements contained in section 12;
      (C) Put to another use without our consent;
      (D) That is damaged solely by uninsured causes; or
      (E) For which you fail to provide production records that are acceptable to us;
   (ii) Production lost due to uninsured causes;
   (iii) Unharvested onion production (mature unharvested production may be adjusted based on the percent of damaged onion production in accordance with section 13(d));
   (iv) The appraised production that exceeds the
14. Late Planting and Prevented Planting.

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(2) Production guarantees for timely, late, and prevented planting acreage within a unit will be combined to determine the production guarantee for the unit. For example, assume you insure one unit in which you have a 100 percent share. The unit consists of 150 acres, of which 50 acres were planted timely, 50 acres were planted 7 days after the final planting date (late planted), and 50 acres were not planted but are eligible for a prevented planting production guarantee. The production guarantee for the unit will be computed as follows:

(i) For the timely planted acreage, multiply the per acre production guarantee for timely planted acreage by 50 acres planted timely:

(ii) For the late planted acreage, multiply the per acre production guarantee for timely planted acreage by 93 percent and multiply the result by the 50 acres planted late; and

(iii) For prevented planting acreage, multiply the per acre production guarantee for timely planted acreage by:

A. Thirty-five percent and multiply the result by the 50 acres you were prevented from planting, if the acreage is eligible for prevented planting coverage, and if the acreage is left idle for the crop year, or if a cover crop is planted for harvest. Prevented planting compensation hereunder will not be denied because the cover crop is hayed or grazed; or

B. Seventeen and one-half percent and multiply the result by the 50 acres you were prevented from planting, if the acreage is eligible for prevented planting coverage, and if you elect to plant a substitute crop for harvest after the 10th day following the final planting date for the insured crop (This paragraph (B) is not applicable, and prevented planting coverage is not available under these crop provisions, if you elected the Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement or you elected to exclude prevented planting coverage when a substitute crop is planted (see section 14(d)(1)(iii).)

Your premium will be based on the result of multiplying the per acre production guarantee for timely planted acreage by the 150 acres in the unit.

(3) You must have the inputs available to plant and produce the intended crop with the expectation of at least producing the production guarantee. Proof that these inputs were available may be required.

(4) In addition to the provisions of section 11 (Insurance Period) of the Basic Provisions, the insurance period for prevented planting coverage begins:

(i) On the sales closing date contained in the Special Provisions for the insured crop in the county for the crop year the application for insurance is accepted; or

(ii) For any subsequent crop year, on the sales closing date for the insured crop in the county for the previous crop year, provided continuous coverage has been in effect since that date. For example: If you make application and purchase insurance for onions for the 1998 crop year, prevented planting coverage will begin on the 1998 sales closing date for onions in the county. If the onion coverage remains in effect for the 1999 crop year (the not terminated or canceled during or after the 1998 crop year) prevented planting coverage for the 1999 crop year began on the 1998 sales closing date. Cancellation for the purposes of transferring the policy to a different insurance provider when there is no lapse in coverage will not be considered terminated or canceled coverage for the purpose of the preceding sentence.

(5) The acreage to which prevented planting coverage applies will not exceed the total eligible acreage on all FSA Farm Serial Numbers in which you have a share, adjusted for any reconstitution that may have occurred on or before the sales closing date. Eligible acreage for each FSA Farm Serial Number is determined as follows:

(i) If you participate in any program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture that limits the number of acres that may be planted for the crop year, the acreage eligible for prevented planting coverage will not exceed the total acreage permitted to be planted to the insured crop.

(ii) If you do not participate in any program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture that limits the number of acres that may be planted, and unless we agree in writing on or before the sales closing date, eligible acreage will not exceed the greater of:

A. The FSA base acreage for the insured crop, including acres that could be flexed from another crop, if applicable;

B. The number of acres planted to onions on the FSA Farm Serial Number during the previous crop year; or

C. One-hundred percent of the simple average of the number of acres planted to onions during the crop years that you certified to determine your yield.

(iii) Acreage intended to be planted under an irrigated practice will be limited to the number of acres for which you had adequate irrigation facilities prior to the insured cause of loss which prevented you from planting.

(iv) A prevented planting production guarantee will not be provided for any acreage:

A. That does not constitute at least 20 acres or 20 percent of the acreage in the unit, whichever is less (Acreage that is less than 20 acres or 20 percent of the acreage in the unit will be presumed to have been intended to be planted to the insured crop planted in the unit, unless you can show that you had the inputs available before the final planting date to plant and produce another insured crop on the acreage);

B. For which the actuarial table does not designate a premium rate unless a written agreement designates such premium rate;

C. Used for conservation purposes or intended to be left unplanted under any program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture;

D. On which another crop is prevented from being planted, if you have already received a prevented planting indemnity, guarantee or amount of insurance for the same acreage in the same crop year, unless you provide adequate records of acreage and production showing that the acreage has a history of double-cropping in each of the last 4 years in which the insured crop was grown on the acreage;

E. On which the insured crop is prevented from
being planted, if any other crop is planted and fails, or is planted and harvested, hayed or grazed on the same acreage in the same crop year (other than a cover crop as specified in section 14 (d)(2)(iii)(A) or a substitute crop allowed in section 14 (d)(2)(iii)(B)), unless you provide adequate records of acreage and production showing that the acreage has a history of double-cropping in each of the last 4 years in which the insured crop was grown on the acreage;

(F) When coverage is provided under the Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement if you plant another crop for harvest on any acreage you were prevented from planting in the same crop year, even if you have a history of double-cropping. If you have a Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement and receive a prevented planting indemnity, guarantee, or amount of insurance for a crop and are prevented from planting another crop on the same acreage, you may only receive the prevented planting indemnity, guarantee, or amount of insurance for the crop on which the prevented planting indemnity, guarantee, or amount of insurance is received;

(G) For which planting history or conservation plans indicate that the acreage would have remained fallow for crop rotation purposes.

(v) For the purpose of determining eligible acreage for prevented planting coverage, acreage for all units will be combined and be reduced by the number of onion acres timely planted and late planted. For example, assume you have 100 acres eligible for prevented planting coverage in which you have a 100 percent share. The acreage is located in a single FSA Farm Serial Number which you insure as two separate optional units consisting of 50 acres each. If you planted 60 acres of onions on one optional unit and 40 acres of onions on the second optional unit, your prevented planting eligible acreage would be reduced to zero (i.e., 100 acres eligible for prevented planting coverage minus 100 acres planted equals zero).

(6) In accordance with the provisions of section 6 (Report of Acreage) of the Basic Provisions, you must report by unit any insurable acreage that you were prevented from planting. This report must be submitted on or before the acreage reporting date. For the purpose of determining acreage eligible for a prevented planting production guarantee, the total amount of prevented planting and planted acres cannot exceed the maximum number of acres eligible for prevented planting coverage. Any acreage you report in excess of the number of acres eligible for prevented planting coverage, or that exceeds the number of eligible acres physically located in a unit, will be deleted from your acreage report.

15. Written Agreements.

Designated terms of this policy may be altered by written agreement in accordance with the following:

(a) You must apply in writing for each written agreement no later than the sales closing date, except as provided in section 15(e);

(b) The application for written agreement must contain all terms of the contract between the insurance provider and the insured that will be in effect if the written agreement is not approved;

(c) If approved by us, the written agreement will include all variable terms of the contract, including, but not limited to, crop type or variety, the guarantee, premium rate, and price election;

(d) Each written agreement will only be valid for one year. (If the written agreement is not specifically renewed the following year, insurance coverage for subsequent crop years will be in accordance with the printed policy); and

(e) An application for written agreement submitted after the sales closing date may be approved if, after a physical inspection of the acreage, it is determined that no loss has occurred and the crop is insurable in accordance with the policy and written agreement provisions.