

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Risk Management Agency  
**NORTHERN POTATO CROP INSURANCE**  
Product Highlights

Potato Crop Provisions 98- 184  
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FACT SHEET  
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The crop insured will be all the **POTATOES** in the county for which a premium rate is provided. The following is a brief description of the potato crop insurance program available in **Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington**

Counties **Alaska State:** Fairbanks North Star, Matanuska-Susitna and Southeast Fairbanks  
where **Idaho State:** Ada, Bannock, Bingham, Blaine, Bonneville, Butte, Canyon, Caribou, Cassia,  
Available: Clark, Custer, Elmore, Franklin, Fremont, Gooding, Jefferson, Jerome, Lincoln,  
Madison, Minidoka, Owyhee, Payette, Power, Teton, Twin Falls and  
Washington counties;  
**Oregon State:** Baker, Clackamas, Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath, Malheur, Marion,  
Morrow, Multnomah, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Washington counties,  
**Washington State:** Adams, Benton, Clark, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Skagit,  
Snohomish, Walla Walla, Whatcom and Yakima counties.

Important Dates for the above counties:

Sales Closing and Cancellation Date - March 15  
Acreage Reporting Date - June 30

**Multi-Peril Crop Insurance** 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 have increased flexibility to tailor insurance protection to individual needs** (please contact an insurance agent for specific details related to your policy/county):

**Northern Potato Crop Provisions (Basic Coverage)**

- **Late and Prevented Planting Protection.**
- **Quality adjustment** for tuber production damaged by freeze, or other insurable causes that result in tuber soft rot provided with the basic coverage. **Note:** This additional tuber freeze and soft rot coverage is also applicable for producers insuring at the Catastrophic (CAT) level.
- **End of Insurance Period Changes:** October 31 for all types in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. October 1 for all Alaska counties.

**Northern Potato Quality Endorsement (Optional)**

- **Provides quality protection** for production with internal defects that cannot be sorted from undamaged production, as well as external defects. Choice of U.S. Number 1, U.S. Number 2 Fresh Market, or U.S. Number 2 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 or fry 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 (Optional – Revised for 2001)**

- **Certified seed coverage** is limited to no greater than 125% of the average number of acres entered into, and passing state certification during the three 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 as well as loss of certification is now 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 (New-Optional, Began 1998)**

- **Extended coverage** for damage that occurs within the insurance period, but that does not become evident until a later time (up-to sixty days, following harvest) if damage results in:
  - / Tuber rot;
  - / Certain internal defects (applicable only if the producer elected coverage under the Northern Potato Crop Insurance Quality Endorsement); or
  - / Unacceptable specific gravity, sugar ends or fry color (applicable only if the insured elected coverage under the Northern Potato Processing Quality Endorsement).

**Pilot Coverage Enhancement Option (CEO)**

- CEO attaches to an MPCCI policy and provides up to 85% coverage. If a loss is payable, this option retroactively reduces the MPCCI deductible. Not available to insureds who elect the CAT Endorsement or price elections less than 100% of maximum. *CEO is available for potato policies in Idaho State* (check with your crop insurance agent for specific details).

**CONTACT AN INSURANCE AGENT TODAY**

All MPCCI, including CAT coverage insurance policies are available from private insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers throughout the United States. **Waivers of administrative fees** for producers who qualify as limited resource farmers are available from all crop insurance companies.

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**Detailed Information:** Producers should consult a crop insurance agent to obtain specific information and refer to Crop Provisions and Actuarial Materials (e.g., practices, options, planting dates, and appropriate deadlines).

**Risk management tools** protect crop investment, borrowed capital and current savings by stabilizing income. This transfers risk and **provides an ADDED PEACE OF MIND.**

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