

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Risk Management Agency
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PROCESSING SWEET CORN CROP INSURANCE

Processing Sweet Corn Crop Provisions 98-042
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FACT SHEET
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The crop insured will be all the PROCESSING SWEET CORN in the county for which a premium rate is provided by the actuarial documents; you have a share; that is grown under, and in accordance with the requirements of a *processor contract* executed on or before the acreage reporting date and not excluded from the processor contract at any time during the crop year.

- *The sweet corn shall not be interplanted with another crop or planted into an established grass or legume, unless allowed by the Special Provisions of Insurance (SPOI) or written agreement. We will not insure any acreage of the insured crop that is damaged before the final planting date, to the extent that the majority of the producers in the area would normally not further care for the crop. The crop must be replanted unless the insurance provider agrees that it is not practical to replant. We will not insure any acreage that does not meet the rotation requirements, if applicable, contained in the Special Provisions of Insurance.*

Counties where Idaho: Canyon, Cassia, Elmore, Gooding, Jerome, Owyhee, Payette, Twin Falls and Washington counties;

Available: Oregon: Benton, Clackamas, Lane, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Umatilla, Washington and Yamhill counties;

Washington: Adams, Benton, Cowlitz, Franklin, Grant, Grays Harbor, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Thurston, Walla Walla, Whatcom and Yakima counties.

Important Dates for the above counties:

March 15 - Sales closing and Cancellation date

June 30 - Acreage reporting date

Report of Acreage: You must report to your insurance agent all of the acreage in which you have a share (your share at the time insurance attaches), reporting the crop by type and practice. You must provide a copy of all processor contracts to the insurance provider on or before the acreage reporting date.

Guarantee Option: Choice of variable percentages of your approved average yield, from 50% up to 85%, in 5% increments.

Catastrophic Coverage: Catastrophic (CAT) coverage is available at the 50% coverage level and 55% of the maximum price election. See your crop insurance agent for specific details.

Administrative Fees: Catastrophic (CAT) Coverage: \$100 per crop per county. Additional Coverage: \$30 per crop per county. Waivers of administrative fees for all coverage levels (CAT and additional) are available for small-limited resource farmers.

Late Planting: Late planting provisions are not applicable to counties in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Prevented Planting: Coverage is 40% of your production guarantee for timely planted acreage. If you have additional levels of coverage and pay an additional premium, you may increase your prevented planting coverage to a level specified in the actuarial documents.

Causes of Loss: Adverse weather conditions, including a) excessive moisture that prevents the harvesting equipment from entering the field or that prevents the timely operation of harvesting equipment; and b) Abnormally hot or cold temperatures that cause an unexpected number of acres over a large producing area to be ready for harvest at the same time, affecting the timely harvest of a large number of such acres or the processing of such production is beyond the capacity of the processor, either of which causes the acreage to be bypassed; 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; Wildlife; Earthquake; Volcanic eruption; **or**, Failure of the irrigation water supply, if applicable, caused by an insured cause of loss that occurs during the insurance period.

The insurance policy will not insure any loss of production due to: Bypassed acreage because of the breakdown or non-operation of equipment or facilities; or the availability of a crop insurance payment. The insurance provider may deny any indemnity immediately in such circumstance or, if an indemnity has been paid, require the insured to repay it to them with interest at any time acreage was bypassed due to the availability of a crop insurance payment; or the insured's failure to follow the requirements contained in the processor contract.

Insurance Period: Insurance attaches at the time of planting and ends the earliest of: the date the processing sweet corn: **1)** was destroyed; **2)** should have been harvested but was not harvested; **3)** was abandoned; or **4)** was harvested; **5)** the date you harvest sufficient production to fulfill the processor contract if the processor contract stipulates a specific amount of production to be delivered; **6)** final adjustment of a loss on a unit; or **7) September 30** in Malheur County, Oregon and all Idaho counties; **October 20** in all other Oregon counties and in all Washington counties.

SPECIFIC DEFINITIONS

Bypassed Acreage: Land on which production is ready for harvest but the processor elects not to accept such production so it is not harvested.

Processor Contract: A written agreement between the producer and a processor, or between the producer and a broker, containing at a minimum: 1) the producer's commitment to plant and grow sweet corn, and to deliver the sweet corn production to the processor; 2) the processor's commitment to purchase all production stated in the processor contract and 3) a base contract price. Multiple contracts with the same processor that specify amounts of production will be considered as a single processor contract.

DISCLAIMER: This summary is for general illustration purposes only.

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).

Where to Purchase: All MPCI, 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. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact Dave P. Paul, Director, USDA/Risk Management Agency, Spokane Regional Office, at (509)

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