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## 2009 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

# Grain Sorghum

DE, MD, NJ, NY, NC, PA, VA

### Crop Insured

The insured crop will be grain sorghum planted for harvest as grain that is a combine-type hybrid. Dual-purpose types of grain sorghum (for example, used for both grain and forage) are not insurable.

### Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions<sup>1</sup>  
Fire  
Insects<sup>2</sup>  
Plant disease<sup>2</sup>  
Wildlife

<sup>1</sup>Such as hail, freeze, drought, and excess precipitation. <sup>2</sup>But not damage due to insufficient or improper application of pest or disease control measures.

### Insurance Period

Coverage usually begins when the crop is planted and ends at the earliest of: (1) total destruction of the crop, (2) harvest of the corn or silage, (3) final adjustment of a claim, (4) abandonment of the crop, or (5) December 10, 2009.

### Important Dates

Sales Closing Date—NC ..... February 28, 2009  
Sales Closing Date—Other<sup>1</sup> ..... March 15, 2009

<sup>1</sup> DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA, VA.

Note: Final planting and acreage reporting dates vary by state and county. Please consult a crop insurance agent for more details.

### Definitions

**Production Guarantee** — Number of bushels guaranteed determined by multiplying your average yield per acre (based on your records) times the coverage level you elect times your planted acres.

**Price Election** — The price used to calculate your premium or indemnity. Price elections are posted on the RMA Web site at:

<http://www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/pricesinquiry/>

### Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss

(1) Protect the crop from further damage by providing sufficient care; (2) notify your agent within 72 hours of your initial discovery of damage (but not later than 15 days after the end of the insurance period); and (3) leave representative samples intact for each field of the damaged unit.

### Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Your bushel guarantee depends on the coverage level you choose. Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your average APH yield (up to 85 percent in New Jersey and Pennsylvania). For example, an average yield of 60 bushels per acre results in a guarantee of 45 bushels per acre at the 75-percent level. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown in the following table. For example, if you selected the 75-percent coverage level, your premium share would be 45 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

Catastrophic (CAT) coverage is fixed at 50 percent of your average yield and 55 percent of the price election. CAT coverage costs an administrative fee of \$300 per crop per county, regardless of the acreage.

### Price Election

\$3.85 per bushel

## Insurance Units

Your insurable acreage will be grouped into one or more units in order to establish the approved yield, calculate a guarantee, and determine any indemnity.

**Basic Unit:** A basic unit includes all of your grain sorghum acreage in the county by share arrangement. Premiums are reduced by 10 percent for a basic unit.

**Optional Units:** If a basic unit consists of two or more farm serial numbers (FSN) and certain record-keeping criteria are met, you may apply for optional units by FSN. The 10-percent discount will not apply.

## Replant Provisions

A replanting payment is allowed if your grain sorghum crop is damaged by a covered cause of loss to the extent that the remaining stand will not produce at least 90 percent of your bushel guarantee and it is practical to replant. The maximum replanting payment per acre will be price election multiplied by the lesser of:

- 20 percent of your production guarantee per acre, or
- 7 bushels.

Note: Replanting payments are not available with CAT coverage.

## Late and Prevented Planting

These provisions provide reduced protection on acreage that is planted late or that cannot be planted by the final planting date or within the late planting period. Consult a crop insurance agent for more details.

## Loss Example

This example is based on APH yield of 60 bushels per acre, 75-percent coverage level, non-irrigated, prevented planting option, and one basic unit.

60	Bushels per acre average yield (APH)
<u>x .75</u>	Coverage level percentage
45	Bushels per acre guarantee
<u>- 15</u>	Bushels per acre production
30	Bushels per acre loss
<u>x \$3.00</u>	Price election
\$90	Indemnity per acre
<u>- \$8</u>	Estimated premium per acre (varies)
<b>\$82</b>	<b>Net indemnity per acre</b>

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