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Sunflowers

Texas

Crop Insured

The crop insured is all oil and confectionery sunflowers in the county that is planted and grown for harvest as seed in which the producer has a share, and for which a premium rate is provided by the actuarial table. Sunflowers in counties with no actuarial table are not insurable unless a written agreement is issued. See your crop insurance agent for details requesting a written agreement.

Counties Available

Bailey	Briscoe	Carson	Castro
Cochran	Crosby	Dallam	Deaf Smith
Floyd	Gray	Hale	Hartley
Hidalgo	Hockley	Jim Wells	Lamb
Lipscomb	Lubbock	Moore	Nueces
Parmer	Potter	Randall	Sherman
Swisher	Yoakum		

Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions¹
Failure of irrigation water supply²
Fire
Insects³
Plant disease³
Wildlife

¹Includes excessive moisture that prevents timely harvesting and abnormal temperatures that result in bypassed acreage because too much acreage was ready for harvest than could be feasibly harvested, or the processing of such production was beyond the capacity of the processor.

²If caused by an insured cause of loss.

³But not due to insufficient or improper application of control measures.

Insurance Period

Insurance attaches on the later of the date we accept your application or the date the insured crop is planted and ends the earliest of: 1) total destruction of the crop, 2) November 30, 3) harvest, 4) abandonment of the crop, or 5) final adjustment of a loss.

Reporting Requirements

Acreage Report—You must report all acreage of your sunflowers both insured and uninsured.

Important Dates

Sales Closing/Cancellation.....	March 15
Final Planting Date.....	June 15
Acreage Reporting Date.....	July 15
Billing Date.....	October 1

* Hidalgo, Jim Wells, and Nueces counties dates: sales closing, January 15; final planting, March 15; acreage reporting, May 15.

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)

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your average yield. For example, an average yield of 1,500 pounds per acre would result in a guarantee of 1,125 pounds per acre at the 75-percent coverage level. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown in the following table. For example, if you select 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. The cost for CAT coverage is an administrative fee of \$100, regardless of the acreage.

Price Elections *

Oil.....\$0.1155/lb.
 Confection.....\$0.1605/lb.

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 sunflower acreage in the county by share arrangement. Premiums are reduced by 10 percent for a basic unit.

Optional Units: In addition to, or instead of, establishing optional units by section, section equivalent, and by irrigated and non-irrigated acreage as provided in the unit division provisions contained in the basic provisions, a separate optional unit may be established for each sunflower type shown in the special provisions. The 10-percent discount will not apply.

Replant 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 production guarantee for the acreage and it is practical to replant.

Prevented Planting

Coverage is available at 60 percent of the production guarantee for timely planted acreage. When paying an additional premium, limited or additional levels of coverage may increase the prevented planting payment to a level specified in the applicable county actuarial document.

Rotation Requirements

Insurance will not attach to any acreage on which sunflowers, canola, crambe, dry beans, safflowers, mustard, or rapeseed was planted in the previous crop year.

Administrative Fees

Catastrophic (CAT) Coverage: \$100/crop/county
 No additional insurance premium is charged.

Buy Up Coverage: \$30/crop/county
 An additional insurance premium is charged.

Loss Example

A grower plants 100 acres of oil type sunflower with no optional units and with 100-percent share. The field will be irrigated and inter-tilled between rows. The grower is a new producer and is assigned a T-yield of 1,225 pounds per acre. The grower elects 100 percent of the established price. It is discovered that sunflower midge has reduced production to 612.5 pounds per acre.

	1,225	Pounds acre guarantee
x	<u>100</u>	Acres
	122,500	Pounds total guarantee
	612.5	Pounds per acre
x	<u>100</u>	Acres
	61,250	Pounds actual production
	122,500	Guarantee
-	<u>61,250</u>	Actual production
	61,250	Hundredweight loss
x	<u>100%</u>	of the price (\$0.1175 per pound)
=	\$7,197	Indemnity payment (rounded)

Your premium will be deducted from an indemnity payment.

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