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2008 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

Peppers
Florida

Crop Insured
The crop insured will be all the bell peppers in the county for which a premium rate is provided by actuarial documents—
- in which you have a share;
- that are planted for harvest as fresh market bell peppers;
- that are planted within periods designated on the actuarial documents;
- that are irrigated; and
- that are grown on acreage covered by plastic mulch.

The insured must have grown bell peppers for commercial sale or have participated in the management of the pepper farming operation in at least one of the previous three crop years. The soil must be fumigated, or properly treated, if tomatoes, eggplants, tobacco or peppers (except under replant provisions) have previously been grown. See policy provisions for more detailed information.

Counties Available
Broward	Charlotte	Collier
Glades	Hardee	Hendry
Hillsborough	Lee	Manatee
Martin	Palm Beach	St. Lucie
Sarasota		

Causes of Loss
Excess rain
Failure of irrigation water supply[1]
Fire
Freeze
Hail
Tornado
Tropical depression

[1]If caused by an insured cause of loss that occurs during the insurance period.

Insurance Period
Coverage usually begins when the pepper is planted and ends at the earliest of :
(1) total destruction of the peppers on the unit,
(2) the date harvest should have started on the unit on any acreage that will not be harvested,
(3) abandonment of the crop,
(4) final harvest, or
(5) final adjustment of a loss on the unit.

The calendar date for the end of the insurance period as follows: (a) 165 days after the date of direct-seeding or replanting with seed; and (b) 150 days after the date of transplanting or replanting with transplants.

Reporting Requirements
Acreage Report—You must report to your insurance provider on or before the acreage reporting date. See your insurance agent for detailed requirements.
Notice of Loss—See your insurance agent for detailed requirements.

Important Dates
Sales Closing……………………………….….July 31
Premium Billing………………...…………...May 1
Cancellation/Termination ...………………...July 31
Contact your insurance agent for final planting and acreage reporting dates specific to your county.

Definitions
Box—One and one-ninth (1-1/9) bushels of the insured crop.
Harvest—The picking of the peppers on the unit.

This fact sheet gives only a general overview of the crop insurance program and is not a complete policy. For further information and an evaluation of your risk management needs, contact a crop insurance agent.

Cancellation Date—The calendar date specified in the crop provisions on which coverage for the crop will automatically renew unless canceled in writing by either you or us or terminated in accordance with the policy terms.

Reference Maximum Dollar Amount—The dollar amount set in the actuarial tables that is used in calculating the dollar coverage amount per acre for the insurance guarantee.

Insurance Guarantee—A dollar amount of insurance per acre that is determined by multiplying the reference maximum dollar amount by the coverage level. The percent of the insurance guarantee that is in force will depend on the plant growth stage (see your insurance agent for details).

Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage level options range from 50 to 75 percent of the reference maximum dollar amount per acre shown on the FCI-35 coverage and rate table. Premiums are subsidized as shown in the table below. As an example, if the reference maximum dollar amount is $6,315, the 65-percent coverage level results in an $4,105 guarantee per acre.

Catastrophic (CAT) coverage is fixed at 50 percent of average yield and 55 percent of the price election. CAT is 100 percent subsidized with no premium cost to you. There is, however, an administrative fee of $100 per county, regardless of the acreage.

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

Replant Provisions

A replant payment may be allowed if, due to an insured cause of loss, more than 50 percent of the plant stand will not produce peppers and it is still practical to replant. See your insurance agent for more information.

Loss Example

This loss example is based on a reference maximum dollar amount of $6,315 with a loss occurring in the final stage of production. At the 65-percent coverage level, this is a $4,105 insurance guarantee per acre. The example assumes an average producer sale price of $8.85 per box and average production of 500 boxes per acre.

$ 4.70	Allowable cost per 1-1/9 bushel box
4,105	Amount of dollar coverage elected per acre
-2,075	Production to count is 500 boxes sold at $4.15 each ($8.85 price - $4.70 allowable cost)
$2,030	**Indemnity per acre**

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