

## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR THE FIG CROP PROVISIONS (01-060)**

The following is a brief description of changes to the crop provisions that will be effective for the 2001 crop year. Please refer to the provisions for more complete information.

- (a) Section 1 - Added a definition for "Interplanted."
- (b) Section 3(b) - Added provisions to preclude insureds with continuous coverage from increasing the liability following a cause of loss that could or would reduce the yield.
- (c) Section 3(c) - Added provisions that require the insured to report damage, removal of trees, change in practices or any other circumstance that may reduce yields. The insured must report, for the first year of insurance for acreage interplanted with another perennial crop and anytime the planting pattern of such acreage is changed, the age and type, if applicable, of any interplanted crop, the planting pattern, and any other information needed to establish the approved yield. If the insured fails to report these changes, the acreage or yield used to establish the production guarantee, or both, may be adjusted when the insurance provider becomes aware of the situation.
- (d) Section 8 - Added a new section to allow interplanting as an insurable farming practice if the fig crop is interplanted with another perennial crop.
- (e) Redesignated sections 8 through 11 as sections 9 through 12 respectively.
- (f) Section 9(a) - Added language to clarify the date on which coverage begins for the year the application is signed.
- (g) Section 9(b) - Added provisions to eliminate any lapse in insurance coverage between crop years. Clarified that the dates insurance attaches contained in paragraph (a)(1) do not apply to subsequent crop years, only to the initial crop year.
- (h) Section 9(c) - Added provisions to specify that if the insured policy is canceled or terminated for any crop year after insurance attached for that crop year, insurance will not be considered to have attached for that crop year and no premium, administrative fee, or indemnity will be due for such crop year.

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FIG CROP PROVISIONS**



If a conflict exists among the policy provisions, the order of priority is as follows: (1) The Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement, if applicable; (2) the Special Provisions; (3) these Crop Provisions; and (4) the Basic Provisions with (1) controlling (2), etc.

**1. Definitions.**

**Harvest** - The picking of the figs from the trees or ground by hand or machine for the purpose of removal from the orchard.

**Interplanted** - Acreage on which two or more crops are planted in any form of alternating or mixed pattern.

**Manufacturing grade production** - Production that meets the minimum grade standards and is defined as "manufacturing grade" by the Marketing Order for Dried Figs, as amended, which is in effect on the date insurance attaches.

**Marketable figs** - Figs that grade manufacturing grade or better in accordance with the Marketing Order for Dried Figs, as amended, which is in effect on the date insurance attaches.

**Substandard production** - Production that does not meet minimum grade standards and is defined as "substandard" by the Marketing Order for Dried Figs, as amended, which is in effect on the date insurance attaches.

**2. Unit Division.**

(a) A basic unit, as defined in section 1 of the Basic Provisions, will be divided into additional basic units by each fig type designated in the Special Provisions.

(b) Provisions in the Basic Provisions that allow optional units by section, section equivalent, or FSA farm serial number and by irrigated and non-irrigated practices are not applicable. Optional units may be established only if each optional unit is located on non-contiguous land, unless otherwise allowed by written agreement.

**3. Insurance Guarantees, Coverage Levels, and Prices for Determining Indemnities.**

(a) In addition to the requirements under section 3 of the Basic Provisions, you may select only one price election for each fig type designated in the Special Provisions and insured in the county under this policy.

(b) You may not increase your elected or assigned coverage level or the ratio of your price election to the maximum price election if a cause of loss that could or would reduce the yield of the insured crop has occurred prior to the time you request the increase.

(c) You must report, by the production reporting date designated in section 3 of the Basic Provisions, by type if applicable:

(1) Any damage, removal of trees, change in practices, or any other circumstance that

may reduce the expected yield below the yield upon which the insurance guarantee is based, and the number of affected acres;

(2) The number of bearing trees on insurable and uninsurable acreage;

(3) The age of the trees and the planting pattern;

(4) For the first year of insurance for acreage interplanted with another perennial crop, and anytime the planting pattern of such acreage is changed, the age of the crop that is interplanted with the figs, and type if applicable, and the planting pattern; and

(5) Any other information that we request in order to establish your approved yield.

We will reduce the yield used to establish your production guarantee as necessary, based on our estimate of the effect of the following: Interplanted perennial crop; removal of trees; damage; change in practices and any other circumstance on the yield potential of the insured crop. If you fail to notify us of any circumstance that may reduce your yields from previous levels, we will reduce your production guarantee as necessary at any time we become aware of the circumstance.

**4. Contract Changes.**

The contract change date is October 31 preceding the cancellation date (see the provisions under section 4 (Contract Changes) of the Basic Provisions).

**5. Cancellation and Termination Dates.**

The cancellation and termination dates are February 28.

**6. Report of Acreage.**

By applying for fig crop insurance, you authorize us to have access to and to determine or verify your production and acreage from records maintained by the California Fig Advisory Board and the fig packer.

**7. Insured Crop.**

The crop insured will be all the commercially grown dried figs that are grown in the county on insurable acreage, and for which a premium rate is provided by the actuarial documents:

(a) In which you have a share;

(b) That are grown for harvest as dried figs;

(c) That are irrigated;

(d) That have reached the seventh growing season after being set out; and

- (e) For which acceptable production records for at least the previous crop year are provided;
- (f) That are not figs:
  - (1) Grown on acreage with less than 90 percent of a stand based on the original planting pattern unless we agree, in writing, to insure such figs;
  - (2) Which we inspect and consider not acceptable;
  - (3) Grown for the crop year the application is filed unless inspected and accepted by us; or
  - (4) Grown on acreage acquired for the crop year unless such acreage has been inspected and accepted by us.

**8. Insurable Acreage.**

In lieu of the provisions in section 9 of the Basic Provisions, that prohibit insurance attaching to a crop planted with another crop, figs interplanted with another perennial crop are insurable unless we inspect the acreage and determine that it does not meet the requirements contained in your policy.

**9. Insurance Period.**

- (a) In accordance with the provisions of section 11 of the Basic Provisions:
  - (1) Coverage begins on March 1, except that for the year of application, if your application is received after February 19 but prior to March 1, insurance will attach on the 10th day after your properly completed application is received in our local office, unless we inspect the acreage during the 10 day period and determine that it does not meet insurability requirements. You must provide any information that we require for the crop or to determine the condition of the orchard.
  - (2) The calendar date for the end of the insurance period for each crop year is October 31 or the date harvest of the figs (by type) should have started on any acreage that will not be harvested (Exceptions, if any, for specific counties or varieties or varietal group are contained in the Special Provisions).
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(1) of this section, for each subsequent crop year that the policy remains continuously in force, coverage begins on the day immediately following the end of the insurance period for the prior crop year. Policy cancellation that results solely from transferring to a different insurance provider for a subsequent crop year will not be considered a break in continuous coverage.
- (c) If your fig policy is canceled or terminated for any crop year, in accordance with the terms of the policy, after insurance attached for that crop year but on or before the cancellation and termination dates whichever is later, insurance will not be considered to have attached for that

crop year and no premium, administrative fee, or indemnity will be due for such crop year.

**10. Causes of Loss.**

- (a) In addition to the provisions under section 12 (Causes of Loss) of the Basic Provisions, any loss covered by this policy must occur within the insurance period. The specific causes of loss for figs are:
  - (1) Adverse weather conditions;
  - (2) Earthquake;
  - (3) Fire;
  - (4) Volcanic eruption;
  - (5) Wildlife; or
  - (6) Failure of the irrigation water supply.
- (b) In addition to the causes of loss not insured against contained in section 12 (Causes of Loss) of the Basic Provisions, we will not insure against:
  - (1) Any loss of production due to fire, where weeds and other forms of undergrowth have not been controlled or tree pruning debris has not been removed from the grove; or
  - (2) The inability to market the fruit as a direct result of quarantine, boycott, or refusal of any entity to accept production.

**11. Settlement of Claim.**

- (a) We will determine your loss on a unit basis. In the event you are unable to provide records of production that are acceptable to us for any:
  - (1) Optional unit, we will combine all optional units for which acceptable records of production were not provided; or
  - (2) Basic unit, we will allocate any commingled production to such units in proportion to our liability on the harvested acreage for each unit.
- (b) In the event of loss or damage covered by this policy, we will settle your claim by:
  - (1) Multiplying the insured acreage by the production guarantee;
  - (2) Subtracting from this the total production to count;
  - (3) Multiplying the remainder by your price election; and
  - (4) Multiplying this result by your share.
- (c) The total production (pounds) to count from all insurable acreage on the unit will include all harvested and appraised marketable figs.
  - (1) Figs, which due to insurable causes, grade manufacturing grade will be adjusted by:
    - (i) Dividing the value per pound of the manufacturing grade production by the highest price election available for the insured type; and
    - (ii) Multiplying the result (not to exceed 1) by the number of pounds of such manufacturing grade production.

- (2) Figs, which due to insurable causes, grade substandard and are delivered to the substandard pool will not be considered production to count, provided all the insured's substandard production is inspected by us and we give written consent to such delivery prior to delivery. If we do not give written consent prior to the delivery to the substandard pool, all production will be counted as undamaged marketable production. Substandard production for which we give written consent to you prior to delivery to the substandard pool, which is not delivered to the substandard pool, and is sold by you, will be considered production to count and adjusted as follows:
- (i) Dividing the value per pound received for such substandard production by the highest price election available for the insured type; and
  - (ii) Multiplying the result (not to exceed 1) by the number of pounds of such substandard production.
- (3) Appraised production to be counted will include:
- (i) Potential production lost due to uninsured causes and failure to follow recognized good fig farming practices;
  - (ii) Not less than the production guarantee for the figs on any acreage:
    - (A) That is abandoned without our consent;
    - (B) Damaged solely by uninsured causes;
    - (C) If the figs are destroyed by you without our consent; or
    - (D) For which you fail to provide records of production that are acceptable to us;
  - (iii) Unharvested production which would be marketable if harvested; and
  - (iv) Potential production on insured acreage that you want to abandon and no longer care for if you and we agree on the appraised amount of production. Upon such agreement, the insurance period for that acreage will end if you abandon the crop. If agreement on the appraised amount of production is not reached:
    - (A) We may require you to continue to care for the crop so that a subsequent appraisal may be made or the crop harvested to determine actual production. You must notify us within three days of the date harvest should have started if the crop is not harvested; or
- (B) You may elect to continue to care for the crop. We will determine the amount of production to count for the acreage using the harvested production or our reappraisal if the crop is not harvested.

**12. Late and Prevented Planting.**

The late and prevented planting provisions of the Basic Provisions are not applicable.