

## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR THE ELS COTTON CROP PROVISIONS (98-022)**

The following is a brief description of changes to the crop provisions that will be effective for the 1998 crop year. Please refer to the crop provisions for more complete information.

- The crop provisions have been modified to accommodate changes made to the Basic Provisions of the Common Crop Insurance Policy. These modifications may include, but are not limited to:
  - (a) Removal of some definitions now contained in the Basic Provisions;
  - (b) Removal of unit division provisions since provisions previously contained in section 2 regarding unit division requirements and unit structure by section, section equivalent, FSA farm serial number, and irrigated and non-irrigated practices, have been moved from the crop provisions to the Basic Provisions; and
  - (c) Modification of prevented planting provisions.
- The definition of “planted acreage” clarifies that the yield conversion factor normally applied to non-irrigated skip-row cotton acreage will not be used if the land between the rows of cotton is planted to any *other spring-planted* crop.
- Section 4 changes the cancellation and termination dates from March 15 to February 28 in all states except New Mexico.

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**Federal Crop Insurance Corporation**  
**ELS Cotton 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**

**Cotton** – Varieties identified as Extra Long Staple (ELS) cotton and American Upland (AUP) cotton if ELS cotton is destroyed by an insured cause and acreage is replanted to AUP cotton.

**ELS cotton** – Extra Long Staple cotton (also called Pima cotton, American–Egyptian cotton, and American Pima cotton).

**Harvest** – The removal of the seed cotton from the open cotton boll, or the severance of the open cotton boll from the stalk by either manual or mechanical means.

**Mature ELS cotton** – ELS cotton that can be harvested either manually or mechanically.

**Planted acreage** – In addition to the definition contained in the Basic Provisions, cotton must be planted in rows, unless otherwise provided by the Special Provisions, actuarial documents, or by written agreement. The yield conversion factor normally applied to non-irrigated skip-row cotton acreage will not be used if the land between the rows of cotton is planted to any other spring planted crop.

**Production guarantee** – The number of pounds determined by multiplying the approved yield per acre by any applicable yield conversion factor for non-irrigated skip-row planting patterns, and multiplying the result by the coverage level percentage you elect.

**Replanting** – Performing the cultural practices necessary to replace the ELS cotton seed, and replacing the seed with either ELS or AUP cotton seed in the insured acreage with the expectation of growing a successful crop.

**Skip-row** – A planting pattern that:

- (1) Consists of alternating rows of cotton and fallow land or land planted to another crop the previous fall; and
- (2) Qualifies as a skip-row planting pattern as defined by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) or a successor agency.

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

In addition to the requirements of section 3 (Insurance Guarantees, Coverage Levels, and Prices for Determining Indemnities) of the Basic Provisions, you may select only one price election for all the cotton in the county insured under this policy.

**3. Contract Changes**

The contract change date is November 30 preceding the cancellation date (see the provisions of section 4 (Contract Changes) of the Basic Provisions).

**4. Cancellation and Termination Dates**

In accordance with section 2 (Life of Policy, Cancellation, and Termination) of the Basic Provisions, the cancellation and termination dates are:

<u>States</u>	<u>Cancellation and Termination Dates</u>
New Mexico	March 15
All other states	February 28

**5. Insured Crop**

In accordance with section 8 (Insured Crop) of the Basic Provisions, the crop insured will be all the cotton lint in the county for which premium rates are provided by the actuarial documents:

- (a) In which you have a share; and
- (b) That is not (unless allowed by the Special Provisions or by a written agreement):
  - (1) Planted into an established grass or legume;
  - (2) Interplanted with another spring planted crop;
  - (3) Grown on acreage from which a hay crop was harvested in the same calendar year unless the acreage is irrigated; or

- (4) Grown on acreage on which a small grain crop reached the heading stage in the same calendar year unless the acreage is irrigated or adequate measures are taken to terminate the small grain crop prior to heading and less than fifty percent (50%) of the small grain plants reach the heading stage.

**6. Insurable Acreage**

In addition to the provisions of section 9 (Insurable Acreage) of the Basic Provisions:

- (a) The acreage insured will be only the land occupied by the rows of cotton when a skip-row planting pattern is utilized; and
- (b) Any acreage of the insured crop damaged before the final planting date, to the extent that a majority of producers in the area would not normally further care for the crop, must be replanted unless we agree that it is not practical to replant.

**7. Insurance Period**

- (a) In lieu of section 11(b)(2) of the Basic Provisions, insurance will end upon the removal of the cotton from the field.
- (b) In accordance with the provisions of section 11 (Insurance Period) of the Basic Provisions, the calendar date for the end of the insurance period is January 31 immediately following planting.

**8. Causes of Loss**

In accordance with the provisions of section 12 (Causes of Loss) of the Basic Provisions, insurance is provided only against the following causes of loss which occur within the insurance period:

- (a) Adverse weather conditions;
- (b) Fire;
- (c) Insects, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of pest control measures;
- (d) Plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of disease control measures;
- (e) Wildlife;
- (f) Earthquake;
- (g) Volcanic eruption; or
- (h) Failure of irrigation water supply, if applicable, due to an unavoidable cause of loss occurring within the insurance period.

**9. Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss**

- (a) In addition to your duties under section 14 (Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss) of the Basic Provisions, in the event of damage or loss:
  - (1) You must give us notice if you intend to replant any acreage originally planted to ELS cotton to AUP cotton;
  - (2) The cotton stalks must remain intact for our inspection; and
  - (3) If you initially discover damage to any insured crop within 15 days of harvest, or during harvest, you must leave representative samples of the unharvested crop for our inspection. The samples must be at least 10 feet wide and extend the entire length of the field in the unit.
- (b) The stalks must not be destroyed, and required samples must not be harvested, until the earlier of our inspection or 15 days after harvest of the balance of the unit is completed and written notice of probable loss is given to us.

**10. Settlement of Claim**

- (a) We will determine your loss on a unit basis. In the event you are unable to provide records of production:
  - (1) For any optional unit, we will combine all optional units for which acceptable records of production were not

- provided; or
- (2) For any 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 on any unit 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:
- (1) All appraised production as follows:
    - (i) Not less than the production guarantee for acreage:
      - (A) That is abandoned;
      - (B) Put to another use without our consent;
      - (C) Damaged solely by uninsured causes;
      - (D) For which you fail to provide records of production that are acceptable to us; or
      - (E) On which the cotton stalks are destroyed in violation of section 9;
    - (ii) Production lost due to uninsured causes;
    - (iii) Unharvested production (mature unharvested production may be adjusted for quality deficiencies in accordance with subsection:
      - (A) 10(d) and (e) if it is mature ELS cotton; or
      - (B) 10(f) if it is AUP cotton insured under these crop provisions); and
    - (iv) Potential production on insured acreage you want to put to another use or you wish to abandon or 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 put the acreage to another use or abandon the crop. If agreement on the appraised amount of production is not reached:
      - (A) If you do not elect to continue to care for the crop, we may give you consent to put the acreage to another use if you agree to leave intact, and provide sufficient care for, representative samples of the crop in locations acceptable to us (The amount of production to count for such acreage will be based on the harvested production or appraisals from the samples at the time harvest should have occurred. If you do not leave the required samples intact, or you fail to provide sufficient care for the samples, our appraisal made prior to giving you consent to put the acreage to another use will be used to determine the amount of production to count.); or
      - (B) If you elect to continue to care for the crop, the amount of production to count for the acreage will be the harvested production, or our reappraisal if additional damage occurs and the crop is not harvested; and
  - (2) All harvested production from the insurable acreage, including any mature cotton retrieved from the ground.
- (d) Mature ELS cotton production may be adjusted for quality when production has been damaged by insured causes. Such production to count will be reduced if the price quotation for ELS cotton of like quality (price quotation "A") is less than seventy-five percent (75%) of price quotation "B." Price quotation "B" will be the price quotation for ELS cotton of the grade, staple length, and micronaire reading designated in the Special Provisions for this purpose. The price quotations for prices "A" and "B" will be the price quotations contained in the Weekly Cotton Market Review published by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service the week the last bale from the unit is classed. If the date the last bale is classed is not available, the price quotations will

be determined the week the last bale from the unit is delivered to the warehouse as shown on the producer's account summary obtained from the gin. In the absence of either price quotation for the applicable week, the price quotations for the nearest prior week for which an ELS cotton price quotation was listed for both prices will be used. If eligible for adjustment, the amount of production to be counted will be determined by multiplying the number of pounds of such production by the factor derived from dividing price quotation "A" by seventy-five percent (75%) of price quotation "B."

- (e) For ELS cotton to be eligible for quality adjustment as shown in subsection 10(d), ginning must have been completed at a gin using roller equipment.
- (f) Any AUP cotton harvested or appraised from acreage originally planted to ELS cotton in the same growing season will be reduced by the factor obtained by dividing the price per pound of the AUP cotton by the price quotation for ELS cotton of the grade, staple length, and micronaire reading designated in the Special Provisions for this purpose. The price used for the ELS cotton will be the price contained in the Weekly Cotton Market Review published by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service the week the last bale from the unit is classed. The price used for the AUP cotton will be the price contained in the Daily Spot Cotton Quotations published by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service the day the last bale from the unit is classed. If the date the last bale is classed is not available, the price quotations will be determined when the last bale from the unit is delivered to the warehouse, as shown on the producers account summary obtained from the gin. If either price quotation is unavailable for the dates stated above, the price quotations for the nearest prior date for which price quotations for both the AUP and ELS cotton are available will be used. If prices are not yet available for the insured crop year, the previous season's average prices will be used.

#### 11. Late Planting

A late planting period is not applicable to ELS cotton. Any ELS cotton that is planted after the final planting date will not be insured unless you were prevented from planting it by the final planting date. Such acreage will be insurable, and the production guarantee and premium for the acreage will be determined in accordance with section 16 of the Basic Provisions.

#### 12. Prevented Planting

- (a) In addition to the provisions contained in section 17 of the Basic Provisions, your prevented planting production guarantee will be based on your approved yield without adjustment for skip-row planting patterns.
- (b) Your prevented planting coverage will be 45 percent of your production guarantee for timely planted acreage. If you have limited or additional levels of coverage, as specified in 7 CFR part 400, subpart T, and pay an additional premium, you may increase your prevented planting coverage to a level specified in the actuarial documents.