

## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR THE TABLE GRAPE CROP PROVISIONS (01-052)**

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 crop provisions for more complete information.

- (a) Section 3(c) - Added provisions to preclude insureds with continuous coverage from increasing the liability following a cause of loss that could or would reduce the yield.
- (b) Section 9(c) - 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.
- (c) Section 9(d) - Added provisions to specify that if the insureds 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.

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation  
TABLE GRAPE 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.**

**Adapted** - Varieties that are recognized by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service as compatible with agronomic and weather conditions in the county.

**Cluster thinning and removal** - Removing parts of an immature cluster or the entire cluster of grapes.

**Direct marketing** - Sale of the insured crop directly to consumers without the intervention of an intermediary such as a wholesaler, retailer, packer, processor, shipper or buyer. Examples of direct marketing include selling through an on-farm or roadside stand, farmer's market, and permitting the general public to enter the field for the purpose of picking all or a portion of the crop.

**Graft** - To unite a shoot or bud (scion) with a rootstock or an existing vine in accordance with recommended practices to form a living union.

**Harvest** - Severing the clusters of mature grapes from the vine.

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

**Lug** - Twenty pounds of table grapes in the Coachella Valley, California district; 21 pounds in all other California districts; and 20 pounds in Arizona.

**Set out** - Physically planting the grape plant in the vineyard.

**Table grapes** - Grapes that are grown for commercial sale for human consumption as fresh fruit on acreage where the cultural practices to produce fresh marketable grapes are carried out.

**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 table grape variety 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.**

In addition to the requirements of section 3 (Insurance Guarantees, Coverage Levels, and Prices for Determining Indemnities) of the Basic Provisions:

(a) You may select only one price election and coverage level for each table grape variety in the county insured under this policy.

(b) You must report, by the production reporting date designated in section 3 (Insurance Guarantees, Coverage Levels, and Prices for Determining Indemnities) of the Basic Provisions, by variety if applicable:

- (1) Any damage, removal of bearing vines, 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 vines on insurable and uninsurable acreage;
- (3) The age of the vines and the planting pattern; and
- (4) For the first year of insurance for acreage interplanted with another perennial crop, and any time the planting pattern of such acreage is changed:
  - (i) The age of the interplanted crop, and type if applicable;
  - (ii) The planting pattern; and
  - (iii) 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: interplanting a perennial crop, removal of vines, damage, change in practices and any other circumstance that may affect 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.

(c) 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 that you request the increase.

**4. Contract Changes.**

In accordance with section 4 (Contract Changes) of the Basic Provisions, the contract change date is October 31 preceding the cancellation date.

**5. 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 January 31.

**6. Report of Acreage.**

In addition to the requirements of section 6 (Report of Acreage) of the Basic Provisions, you must report the acreage of table grapes in the county by variety.

## 7. Insured Crop.

- (a) In accordance with section 8 (Insured Crop) of the Basic Provisions, the crop insured will be any insurable variety of grapes in the county that you elect and for which a premium rate is provided by the actuarial documents:
- (1) In which you have a share;
  - (2) That are grown for harvest as table grapes;
  - (3) That are adapted to the area; and
  - (4) That are grown in a vineyard that, if inspected, is considered acceptable by us.
- (b) In addition to table grapes not insurable under section 8 (Insured Crop) of the Basic Provisions, we do not insure any table grapes grown on vines:
- (1) That, after being set out or grafted, have not reached the number of growing seasons designated by the Special Provisions; or
  - (2) That have not produced an average of at least 150 lugs of table grapes per acre in at least one of the most recent three crop years in your actual production history base period. However, we may inspect and agree in writing to insure acreage that has not produced this amount.

## 8. Insurable Acreage.

In lieu of the provisions in section 9 (Insurable Acreage) of the Basic Provisions that prohibit insurance attaching to a crop planted with another crop, table grapes 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 (Insurance Period) of the Basic Provisions:
- (1) Coverage begins on February 1 of each crop year, except that for the year of application, if your application is received after January 22 but prior to February 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 vineyard.
  - (2) The calendar date for the end of the insurance period for each crop year is the date during the calendar year in which the grapes are normally harvested or contained in the Special Provisions as provided to you on or before the contract change date.
- (b) In addition to the provisions of section 11 (Insurance Period) of the Basic Provisions:
- (1) If you acquire an insurable share in any insurable acreage after coverage begins but on or before the acreage reporting date for the crop year, and after an inspection we consider the acreage acceptable, insurance will be considered to have attached to such acreage on the calendar date for the beginning of the insurance period.

- (2) If you relinquish your insurable share on any insurable acreage of table grapes on or before the acreage reporting date for the crop year, insurance will not be considered to have attached to, and no premium will be due or indemnity paid for such acreage for that crop year unless:

- (i) A transfer of coverage and right to an indemnity, or a similar form approved by us, is completed by all affected parties;
  - (ii) We are notified by you or the transferee in writing of such transfer on or before the acreage reporting date; and
  - (iii) The transferee is eligible for crop insurance.
- (c) 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.
- (d) If your table grape 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 accordance with the provisions of section 12 (Causes of Loss) of the Basic Provisions, insurance is provided only against the following causes of loss that occur during the insurance period:
- (1) Adverse weather conditions;
  - (2) Fire, unless weeds and other forms of undergrowth have not been controlled or pruning debris has not been removed from the vineyard;
  - (3) Wildlife;
  - (4) Earthquake;
  - (5) Volcanic eruption; or
  - (6) Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured cause of loss ((a)(1) through (5) of this section) that occurs during the insurance period.
- (b) In addition to the causes of loss excluded in section 12 (Causes of Loss) of the Basic Provisions, we will not insure against damage or loss of production due to:
- (1) Disease or insect infestation, unless adverse weather:
    - (i) Prevents the proper application of control measures or causes properly applied control measures to be ineffective; or
    - (ii) Causes disease or insect infestation for which no effective control mechanism is available;
  - (2) Phylloxera, regardless of cause; or

- (3) Inability to market the table grapes for any reason other than actual physical damage from an insurable cause specified in this section. For example, we will not pay you an indemnity if you are unable to market due to quarantine, boycott, or refusal of any person to accept production.

#### **11. Duties In The Event of Damage or Loss.**

In addition to the requirements of section 14 (Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss) of the Basic Provisions, the following will apply:

- (a) You must notify us within 3 days after the date harvest should have started if the crop will not be harvested.
- (b) You must notify us at least 15 days before any production from any unit will be sold by direct marketing. We will conduct an appraisal that will be used to determine your production to count for production that is sold by direct marketing. If damage occurs after this appraisal, we will conduct an additional appraisal. These appraisals, and any acceptable records provided by you, will be used to determine your production to count. Failure to give timely notice that production will be sold by direct marketing will result in an appraised amount of production to count of not less than the production guarantee per acre if such failure results in our inability to make the required appraisal.
- (c) If the crop has been damaged during the growing season, you must provide notice at least 15 days prior to the beginning of harvest if you intend to claim an indemnity as a result of the damage previously reported. You must not destroy the damaged crop until the earlier of 15 days from the date you gave notice of loss, or our written consent to do so. If you fail to meet the requirements of this section all such production will be considered undamaged and included as production to count.

#### **12. Settlement Of Claim.**

- (a) We will determine your loss on a unit basis. In the event you are unable to provide separate acceptable production records:
  - (1) For any optional unit, we will combine all optional units for which such production records 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 by:
  - (1) Multiplying the insured acreage by its respective production guarantee;
  - (2) Multiplying the result in section 12(b)(1) by the respective price election for the variety;
  - (3) Totaling the results in section 12(b)(2);
  - (4) Multiplying the total production to be counted of the variety (see section 12(c)) by the respective price election;
  - (5) Totaling the results in section 12(b)(4);

- (6) Subtracting the result of section 12(b)(5) from the result in section 12(b)(3); and

- (7) Multiplying the result of section 12(b)(6) by your share.

- (c) The total production to count (in lugs) from all insurable acreage on the unit will include:

- (1) All appraised production as follows:

- (i) Not less than the production guarantee per acre for acreage:
  - (A) That is abandoned;
  - (B) That is sold by direct marketing if you fail to meet the requirements in section 11(b);
  - (C) That is damaged solely by uninsured causes; or
  - (D) For which you fail to provide acceptable production records;

- (ii) Production lost due to uninsured causes;
- (iii) Unharvested production that meets, or would meet if properly handled, the California Department of Food and Agriculture minimum standards for table grapes; and

- (iv) Potential production on insured acreage that you intend 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 do not agree with our appraisal, we may defer the claim only if you agree to continue to care for the crop. We will then make another appraisal when you notify us of further damage or that harvest is general in the area unless you harvested the crop, in which case we will use the harvested production. If you do not continue to care for the crop, our appraisal made prior to deferring the claim will be used to determine the production to count; and

- (2) All harvested production from insurable acreage regardless of condition or disposition. The quantity of production to count for table grape production damaged by insurable causes within the insurance period that is marketed for any use other than table grapes will be determined by multiplying the greater of (1) the value of the table grapes per ton or (2) \$50, by the number of tons and dividing that result by the highest price election available for the insured unit. This result will be the number of lugs to count.

#### **13. Late and Prevented Planting.**

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