

## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR THE PEACH CROP PROVISIONS (01-034)**

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 for clarification a definition for "marketable."
- (b) Section 2(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.
- (c) Section 7(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.
- (d) Section 7(d) - 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.

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**Federal Crop Insurance Corporation**  
**PEACH 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.**

**Actual price per bushel for:**

- (a) Fresh peaches means the average price per bushel of U.S. Extra No. 1 "2 inch" peaches (if not available, the next larger size for which a price is available) determined from applicable prices reported by the Market News Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for seven consecutive marketing days, commencing with the day harvest of the variety begins. In the absence of FOB shipping point price from the Market News Service, the price per bushel of U.S. Extra No. 1 "2 inch" peaches will be the total of the price election and allowable costs for the undamaged peaches; and
- (b) Processing peaches means the average price per bushel received from the processor for that applicable variety determined for seven consecutive marketing days, commencing with the day harvest of the variety begins.

**Bearing tree** - A tree in at least the 4th growing season after set out.

**Bushel** - Fifty pounds of ungraded peaches.

**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, or permitting the general public to enter the field for the purpose of picking all or a portion of the crop.

**Harvest** - The picking or removal of mature peaches from the trees either by hand or machine.

**Loss in quality** - When the crop is damaged to the extent that the producer does not receive the average price for U.S. Extra No. 1 peach.

**Marketable** - Peach production acceptable for processing or other human consumption even if failing to meet any U.S. or applicable state grading standard.

**Packing shed** - A facility at which peaches are graded, packed and cooled in preparation for shipment to a wholesale market.

**Set out** - Transplanting the tree into the orchard.

**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:

- (a) You may select only one price election for all the peaches in the county insured under this policy unless the Special Provisions provide different price elections by type, in which case you may select one price election for each peach type (fresh or processing) designated in the Special Provisions. The price elections you choose for each type must have the same percentage

relationship to the maximum price offered by us for each type. For example, if you choose 100 percent of the maximum price election for one type, you must choose 100 percent of the maximum price election for all other types.

- (b) You must report, not later than the production reporting date designated in section 3 (Insurance Guarantees, Coverage Levels, and Prices for Determining Indemnities) of the Basic Provisions, by type if applicable:
  - (1) Any damage, removal of or addition of trees, or 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 and non-bearing trees on insurable and uninsurable acreage;
  - (3) The age of the trees, variety, type, and the planting pattern; and
  - (4) For the first year of insurance, acreage interplanted with another perennial crop, and anytime the planting pattern of such acreage is changed:
    - (i) The age of the crop that is interplanted with the peaches;
    - (ii) The variety, and type if applicable;
    - (iii) The planting pattern; and
    - (iv) Any other reasonable and pertinent information that we request in order to establish your approved yield.

We will adjust the yield used to establish your production guarantee as necessary, based on our estimate of the effect of interplanting a perennial crop; removal or addition of trees or varieties of trees; physical or structural tree damage; a change in practices or changes in tree population and density, and any other circumstance affecting the yield potential of the insured crop. If you fail to notify us of any circumstance that may affect your yields from previous levels, we will adjust 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.

**3. Contract Changes.**

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

#### 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 November 20.

#### 5. Insured Crop.

In accordance with section 8 (Insured Crop) of the Basic Provisions, the crop insured will be all the peaches in the county for which a premium rate is provided by the actuarial documents:

- (a) In which you have a share;
- (b) That are grown on tree varieties that:
  - (1) Were commercially available when the trees were set out;
  - (2) Are a variety having a chilling hour requirement that is appropriate for the area;
  - (3) Are grown on a root stock that is adapted to the area.
- (c) That the crop insured will be any of the types or varieties of peaches that are grown for the production of Fresh or Processing Peaches (except Processing Peaches excluded in California) on insured acreage and for which a guarantee and premium rate are provided by the actuarial documents.
- (d) That are grown in an orchard that, if inspected, is considered acceptable by us; and
- (e) That has reached at least the fourth growing season after set out. However, we may agree in writing to insure acreage that has not reached this age if it has produced at least 100 bushels of peaches per acre.

#### 6. 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, peaches 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.

#### 7. Insurance Period.

- (a) In accordance with the provisions of section 11 (Insurance Period) of the Basic Provisions:
  - (1) Coverage begins on November 21 of each crop year, except that for the year of application, if your application is received after November 11 but prior to November 21, 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 to determine the condition of the orchard.
  - (2) The calendar date for the end of the insurance period for each crop year is September 30.
- (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 interest on any acreage of peaches on or before the acreage reporting date for the crop year and if the acreage was insured by you the previous crop year, insurance will not be considered to have attached, and no premium or indemnity will be due 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 peach 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.

#### 8. 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 within 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 orchard;
  - (3) Earthquake;
  - (4) Insects, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of pest control measures;
  - (5) Plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of disease control measures;
  - (6) Volcanic eruption;
  - (7) Wildlife, unless control measures have not been taken;
  - (8) An insufficient number of chilling hours to effectively break dormancy; or
  - (9) Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured peril 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) Split pits, regardless of cause; or
  - (2) Inability to market the peaches 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.

#### 9. 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, and unless the insurance period has ended prior to each of the following events, the following will apply:

- (a) You must notify us within three days of the date that harvest of the damaged variety 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 unless you have records verifying that the direct market peaches were "weighed and graded" through a packing shed. Failure to give timely notice that production will be sold by direct marketing will result in an appraised amount of production to count not less than the production guarantee per acre if such failure results in our inability to make the required appraisal.
- (c) If you previously gave notice in accordance with section 14 of the Basic Provisions, and if you intend to claim an indemnity on any unit, you must notify us at least 15 days prior to the beginning of harvest of the damaged variety, so that we may inspect the damaged production. You must not sell or dispose of the damaged crop until after we have given you written consent to do so.
- (d) If you fail to meet the requirements of this section and such failure results in our inability to inspect the damaged production, all such production will be considered undamaged and included as production to count.

#### 10. 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 units, we will combine all optional units for which such production records were not provided; or
  - (2) For any basic units, we will allocate any commingled production to such units in proportion to our liability on the harvested acreage for the units.
- (b) In the event of loss or damage covered by this policy, we will settle your claim by:
  - (1) Multiplying the insured acreage for each type, if applicable, by its respective production guarantee;
  - (2) Multiplying each result in section 10(b)(1) by the respective price election;
  - (3) Totaling the results in section 10(b)(2);
  - (4) Multiplying the total production to be counted by type, if applicable, (see subsection 10(c)) by the respective price election;
  - (5) Totaling the results in section 10(b)(4);
  - (6) Subtracting the total in section 10(b)(5) from the total in section 10(b)(3); and
  - (7) Multiplying the result in section 10(b)(6) by your share.
- (c) The total production to count (in bushels) from all insurable acreage on the unit will include:
  - (1) All appraised production will be determined as follows:

- (i) Not less than the production guarantee per acre for acreage:
    - (A) That is abandoned;
    - (B) From which production is sold by direct marketing if you fail to meet the requirements contained in section 9;
    - (C) That is damaged solely by uninsured causes; or
    - (D) For which you fail to provide production records that are acceptable to us;
  - (ii) Production lost due to uninsured causes;
  - (iii) Unharvested production;
  - (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 adequately care for the crop, our appraisal made prior to deferring the claim will be used to determine the production to count; and
  - (v) Any appraised production on insured acreage will be considered production to count unless such production is exceeded by the actual harvested production.
- (2) All harvested production from the insurable acreage.
  - (3) Mature marketable peach production may be reduced as a result of a loss in quality due to an insured cause of loss. The amount of production to count for such peaches will be determined as follows:
    - (i) Peaches grown for fresh use by:
      - (A) Dividing the value of the damaged peaches by the actual price for undamaged peaches; and
      - (B) Multiplying the result of section 10(c)(3)(i)(A) by the number of bushels of the eligible damaged peaches.
    - (ii) Peaches grown for processing by:
      - (A) Dividing the value of the damaged peaches by the actual price of undamaged peaches for processing; and
      - (B) Multiplying the result of section 10(c)(3)(ii)(A) by the number of bushels of the eligible damaged peaches.
  - (4) Peaches that cannot be marketed due to insurable causes will not be considered production to count.

#### 11. Late and Prevented Planting.

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