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Soybeans—Crop Revenue Coverage West Virginia

Crop Insured

Soybeans may be insured under the Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC) plan of insurance if planted on insurable acreage located in a county with applicable actuarial documents.

CRC provides protection against a decline in market prices as well as a shortfall in production. The guarantee is in dollars and a loss situation occurs when the dollar value of your production falls below your dollar guarantee. CRC offers protection whether prices rise or fall:

- In most years when the price usually declines as harvest approaches, you are guaranteed a pre-determined amount of income per acre;
- In a year of rising prices, a production shortfall would be compensated at the higher market-based harvest price. This is critical if any lost production must be replaced at higher market prices to fulfill delivery on a forward contract.

Counties Available

Soybean CRC is available in most of the major soybean-producing counties of West Virginia.

Causes of Loss

Adverse Weather Conditions ¹	Insects ³
Failure of Irrigation Water Supply ²	Plant Disease ³
Fire	Wildlife
Harvest Price is less than Base Price	

¹Natural perils such as hail, drought, and excess precipitation.

²If caused by an insured peril during the insurance period.

³But not damage due to insufficient or improper applications of control measures.

Insurance Period

Coverage begins when the crop is planted and ends at the earliest of: (1) total destruction of the crop, (2)

harvest of the crop, (3) abandonment of the crop, (4) final adjustment of a loss, (5) December 10 following planting.

Reporting Requirements

You must notify your agent or insurance company representative within 72 hours of discovery of any damage to your crop.

- If crop damage is initially discovered during harvest, you must notify your agent immediately and leave representative samples of the unharvested crop at least 10 feet wide and the entire length of the field.
- If you expect a revenue loss on the unit, you must give notice no later than 45 days after the Harvest Price is released.

Important Dates

Sales Closing March 15, 2005

Note: Final Planting and Acreage Reporting Dates vary by county. Consult a crop insurance professional for specific dates in your county.

Definitions

Average APH Yield—Your average yield per acre based on your actual production history (APH), county yields, or other adjusted yields if appropriate.

Base Price— The price that determines the Minimum Guarantee and premium is based on the November 2005 Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) futures contracts average daily price during February 2005.

Coverage Level—You select a level of protection from 50 to 75 percent of your average APH yield.

Minimum Guarantee — Average APH Yield X Base Price X Coverage Level:

Example: 30 bu/ac X \$6.00 X .70 = \$126 per acre
Minimum Guarantee

Harvest Price — The price (nearer harvest time) used to determine Calculated Revenue and Harvest Guarantee is based on the October 2005 average daily price of CBOT November 2005 futures contracts.

Harvest Guarantee — Average APH Yield X Harvest Price X Coverage Level

Example: 30 bu/ac X \$5.00 X .70 = \$105 per acre
Harvest Guarantee

Calculated Revenue — Value of your production determined by Bushels Produced X Harvest Price:

Example: 10 bu/ac produced X \$5.00 = \$50 per acre
Calculated Revenue

NOTE: The actual price you receive for selling your crop is not a factor in CRC calculations.

Final Guarantee — Higher of the Minimum or Harvest Guarantee.

NOTE: Your premium will not increase if Final Guarantee is higher than the Minimum Guarantee.

Indemnity — Final Guarantee - Calculated Revenue:

Example: \$126 - \$50 = \$76 per acre indemnity

Price Elections

YEAR	BASE PRICE	HARVEST PRICE
2005	*	**
2004	6.72	**
2003	5.26	7.32

*Available in early March

**Available November each year

Price elections will be posted on the RMA website at:
<http://www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/pricesinquiry/>

Insurance Units

Insurable acreage is grouped into one or more units based on your selection of one of the following:

Basic Unit: A basic insurance unit includes all your soybean acreage in the county by share arrangement. Premiums are reduced 10 percent for basic units.

Optional Units: If qualified, you may further divide a basic unit into optional units by Farm Serial Number or irrigated/non-irrigated land. The 10 percent basic unit premium discount will not apply.

Enterprise Unit: An enterprise unit combines all your soybeans in the county into one county-wide unit, regardless of ownership, share, or rental arrangement. A premium discount will apply, based upon the number of insured acres. You must qualify for two or more basic/optional units to be eligible.

Loss Example

This example assumes an average yield of 30 bu/ac, Base Price of \$6.00, Harvest Price of \$5.00, basic units, 70% coverage level.

30	Bu/ac average APH yield
x .70	Coverage level
21	Bushels per acre guarantee basis
x 6.00	Base Price per bushel
\$126	Minimum Guarantee per acre

After the Harvest Price is announced in early September, a Harvest Guarantee will be calculated. The Final Guarantee becomes the higher of the Minimum Guarantee or the Harvest Guarantee.

\$105	Harvest Guarantee per acre (21 bu/ac X \$5.00 Harvest Price)
\$126	Final Guarantee per acre (higher of Minimum or Harvest Guarantee)
- 50	Calculated Revenue (50 bu/ac produced X \$2.20 Harvest Price)
76	Indemnity per acre
- 5	Estimated premium per acre
\$71	Net indemnity per acre

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