



2012 PRUNE CROP INSURANCE OUTLINE

Last day to sign up for the 2012 crop is: January 31, 2012

**Protect your hard earned investments in growing stonefruit!
Insure against poor weather and grow with peace of mind!**

To find out how stonefruit crop insurance can really work for you, [click here](#) to contact us or call us at 1-877-573-1122 or 209-668-6788.

1. Insurable Crop and Eligibility Requirements:

- A. Prunes must be of the prune plum varieties grown for the production of dried prunes.
- B. Trees must have reached the 7th leaf. (planted spring 2006 or before)
- C. Growers must insure all eligible acres of prunes in the county in which they receive a share of the crop. When orchards are rented on a crop share, either the landlord or operator, or both, can insure their share in the crop.

2. Insured Causes of Loss:

- A. Any adverse weather resulting in damage to the bloom, poor pollination, lack of production, or damage to the prunes on the tree; such as cool, wet weather, frost, hail, wind, excessive heat or rain.
- B. Plant disease and insect damage if adverse weather caused control measures to be ineffective.
- C. Wildlife, birds, earthquake or fire.

3. Prune Production Guarantee:

- A. Prune guarantee is based on the average past delivered tons of prunes graded substandard or better for up to 10 years for the orchard to be insured. Yield Adjustment available for major disaster years – YA Option.
- B. The maximum coverage level available is 75% of the approved average yield as established by verifiable production records for the orchard. 50%, 55%, 60%, 65% and 70% coverage levels are also available.
- C. Unit guarantee: Actual insurance coverage is by unit, not by acre. The unit guarantee is the per acre average yield multiplied by the coverage level % multiplied by the number of acres in the prune insurance unit.

4. **Insurance Units:**

- A. Owned or cash rented prune orchards that are not separated by land owned by other people, will be considered all one unit for insurance.
- B. Prune orchards rented on a crop share, and orchards that are separated by land owned by other people, will be considered as separate insurance coverage units, provided records of past production have been maintained for each proposed unit.

5. **Price Elections Per Ton:** \$ 835 maximum

- A. Grower may choose the maximum amount or lesser amounts to fit their needs. This will be the amount paid for each ton of prunes lost below the unit guarantee.

6. **Coverage Example:**

Owner/operator of 40 acres of prunes

If average yield is 3.0 tons per acre; 75% coverage = 2.3 tons per acre

Unit guarantee is 2.3 tons X 40 acres = 92 tons

Price election of \$835 X 92 tons = \$76,820 protection for total loss

7. **Loss Example:** Rain during bloom and excessive heat

92 tons - Unit guarantee

- 43 tons - Harvested dried tons

= 49 tons loss X \$835 election = \$40,915 loss payment

8. **Quality Adjustment:**

In addition to the protection against loss of production, the prune crop insurance also provides protection against poor quality prunes caused by adverse weather conditions.

9. **For premium quotes, [click here.](#)**

The premium for Federal Crop Insurance is standard throughout the United States. In order for private insurance companies to have the protection and reinsurance of the USDA, no one may deviate from published rates. If a private company does deviate, then they would not have the reinsurance from the USDA. This would not

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good. So, therefore, no private insurance company offers a crop insurance policy of their own.

If you would like a personal crop insurance premium calculated for your operations, click above and fill out the form and submit it to us. We will get right back to you as soon as we can. Thanks!!