

# Cabbage Fact Sheet



National Crop Insurance Services®

## 1. Pennsylvania Crop Insurance Webinars

The objective of the Pennsylvania Crop Insurance Webinar series is to help Pennsylvania farmers and ranchers manage risk understand a variety of crop insurance products to make informed insurance decisions.

## 2. Pennsylvania Cabbage – Scheduled for February 12, 2019

Webinar objectives:

- Review the Federal crop insurance structure and key basic provision principals and forms, as well as the cabbage plan of insurance.
- Discuss where coverage is available and review types and practices insured.
- Discuss documents and your duties when a loss occurs.

## 3. The Insured Crop

Cabbage are planted with inspected transplants or direct seeded with hybrid seed. Cabbage is harvested and sold as fresh cabbage or grown and sold as processing cabbage. If special provisions allow, this crop may be sold through direct marketing. To be insurable, the farmer must be aware of rotation requirements contained in the special provisions. Contracts for Processing cabbage are available based on acreage or production and must be submitted to

your agent on or before the crop insurance acreage reporting deadline. Currently, Pennsylvania only insures fresh type of cabbage.

In Pennsylvania, cabbage is insured under the Actual Production History plan of insurance, which is based on the farmer's historic production and provides a yield-based guarantee. Your crop is measured in hundredweight.

## 4. Coverage Availability

For the 2019 crop year, cabbage is insurable only in Schuylkill County although insurance may be available in other counties through a written agreement if specific criteria are met. Details of the coverage offered, including types, practices, rates, prices, dates, options, coverage levels, and special provisions of insurance, are available through the Risk Management Agency's Actuarial Information browser at <https://bit.ly/2NZo44f>. Work with a licensed crop insurance agent to explore your coverage options.

## 5. Select Policy Definitions

### 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.

### Planted Acreage

Cabbage plants and seeds must initially be planted in rows wide enough to permit mechanical cultivation. Cabbage planted or seeds planted in any other manner will not be insurable unless otherwise provided by the Special Provisions, actuarial documents, or by written agreement.

### Inspected Transplants

Cabbage plants that have been found to meet the standards of the public agency responsible for the inspection process within the State in which they are grown.

### Harvest

Cutting of the cabbage plant to sever the head from the stalk.

### Marketable Cabbage

Cabbage that is sold or grades at least:

- (a) U.S. Commercial for fresh market cabbage; or
- (b) U.S. No. 2 for processing cabbage

## 6. Insurance Period

Coverage begins the later of the date of application or when the cabbage is planted and ends with the earliest occurrence of one of the following:

- Harvest of the crop;
- The date the crop should have been harvested;
- Final adjustment of a claim;
- Abandonment of the crop;
- Total destruction of the crop; or
- November 25.

## 7. 2019 Crop Year Important Dates

- Sales closing date – 3/15/2019
- Production reporting date – 4/29/2019
- Final plant date – 7/20/2019
- Acreage reporting – 8/15/2019
- Premium billing date – 9/15/2019
- Premium due (to avoid interest) – 10/31/2019
- Termination date – 3/15/2020

## 8. Prices

The price election is the price published in the actuarial documents or the contract price stated in your processor contract.

### 2019 Prices

- Established Price for Red or Green – Fresh = \$17.30
  - Catastrophic price = \$9.52
- Certified Organic established price = \$43.25
  - Catastrophic price = \$23.79
  - Maximum contract price = \$64.875
- Transitioning to Organic established price = \$17.30
  - Catastrophic price = \$9.52
  - Maximum contract price = \$34.60

## 9. Coverage Levels and Premium Discounts

Coverage levels range from 50% to 75% of your average yield and are subsidized as shown in the table below.

Item	Percent					
Coverage Level	50	55	60	65	70	75
Premium Subsidy	67	64	64	59	59	55
Your Premium Share	33	36	36	41	41	45

Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is fixed at 50% of your average yield and 55% of the price election. The 2019 cost for CAT coverage is an administrative fee of \$300.

## 10. Available Unit Structure

Cabbage automatically qualifies for basic units and can be divided into additional basic units by planting period if separate planting periods are designated in the Special Provisions.

A basic unit covers all acreage in a county you own/operate 100% and land owned by one person and operated by another person on a share basis.

Optional units may also be established by type if separate types are designated in the Special Provisions.

## 11. Perils Protected Against

You are protected against the following:

- Adverse weather conditions, including natural perils such as hail, frost, freeze, wind, drought, and excess precipitation;
- Failure of irrigation water supply, if caused by an insured peril during the insurance period;

- Fire, if caused by an insured peril during the insurance period;
- Insect damage and plant disease, except for insufficient or improper application of control measures; or
- Wildlife.

This policy does not coverage quarantine, boycott, refusal of buyer to accept production, or any other failure to market the cabbage, other than actual physical damage from an insured cause of loss or damage that occurs or becomes evident after the end of the insurance period, including damage that occurs or becomes evident after the cabbage is placed in storage.

## 12. Acreage Reporting Requirements

An acreage report is a report of all insured acreage of your cabbage crop. A report and a copy of your processor contracts must be submitted to your crop insurance agent on or before the acreage reporting date.

## 13. Losses

The cabbage policy covers replanting reimbursements and production loss indemnities.

If you believe you have a loss, you should:

- Protect the crop from further damage by providing sufficient care;
- Notify your crop insurance agent:
  - If damage occurs 15 days or more prior to the beginning of harvest, give notice within 72 hours of discovery;
  - If damage occurs within 15 days of harvest or during harvest, give notice immediately so that a crop inspection can be performed and leave three rows of unharvested crop per field for sampling;
  - If any acreage on the unit will not be harvested, give notice at least 15 days before harvest would normally begin; and
  - If any acreage will be put to a use other than the use identified on the acreage report give notice at the beginning of harvest.
- Representative samples must be at least 3 rows wide and extend the entire length of each field in the unit and must not be harvested or destroyed until the earlier of our inspection or 15 days after completion of harvest on the unit.

### Your Adjuster's Actions

Your crop insurance adjuster will determine the loss using RMA Loss Adjustment procedures, and your crop insurance company will ensure timely payment after you and the company reach an agreement.

Your adjuster will:

- Set up an appointment to visit your farm location(s) to inspect the damaged acreage
- Determine the causes of loss and how many acres are damaged by each
- Determine the percentage of damage
- Take actual plant counts from representative parts of the field to determine the amount of damage
- Consider different factors based on the crop and the stage of growth
- Photograph the damage, often with a ruler or other measurable object in the picture for scale
- Your adjuster may request paperwork from you (contract, production records and sales, etc.)
- Complete all needed paperwork
- Explain what he or she did and the findings and walk you through the adjustment worksheet
- You and the adjuster will sign documents in agreement of the loss adjustment findings

### Indemnity Calculation Components

- Acres
- Total Production Guarantee (hundredweight)
- Price
- Your share in the crop
- Production to count (PTC)

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1. Multiply acreage by the production guarantee, by type, if applicable.
2. Multiply the result of the above by the price election. Total the results.
3. Multiply the total production to count, by type, by the price election.
4. Subtract the results from 3 from the results of 2 and the multiply the result by your share in the crop.

### Indemnity Calculation Example

100% share  
 260 production guarantee for the unit  
 \$17.30 price election  
 160 production to count for the unit  
 15 acres

1. 260 X 15 acres = 3900 (value of guarantee)
2. 3900 X \$17.30 price election = \$67,470
3. 160 PTC X 15 acres X \$17.30 = \$41,520
4. \$67,470 - \$41,520 = \$25,950 gross loss
5. \$25,950 X 1.00 share - \$25,950 indemnity payment

## 14. Get Covered: Find an Agent

A crop insurance agent is your local expert and best resource on how, when, and what kind of crop insurance coverage to add to your risk management toolkit.

Crop insurance is available through independent crop insurance agents licensed in your state. Most Federal crop insurance agents also offer private crop-hail and other named peril policies. If you need an agent, review the Risk

Management Agency's Agent Locator  
(<https://bit.ly/2sohz1f>).

## 15. View the Recorded Webinar

A recording of this Pennsylvania cabbage webinar will be viewable after the live presentation concludes. To view the recording, visit

<https://cropinsuranceinamerica.org/pennsylvaniacropinsurance-webinars/>

