

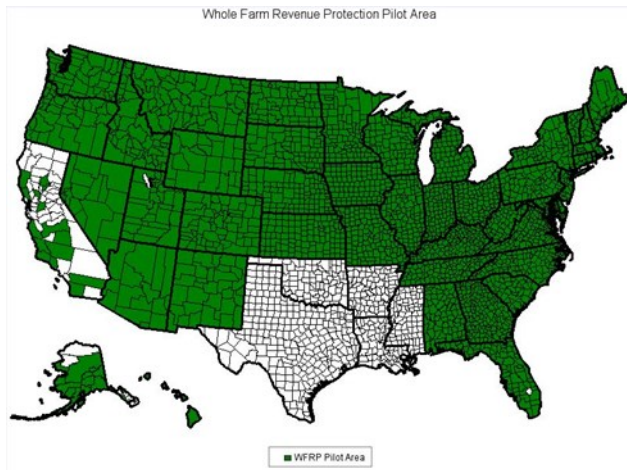
Whole-Farm Revenue Protection for Federal Crop Insurance

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Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) provides a risk management safety net for all commodities on the farm under one insurance policy. This insurance plan is tailored for any farm with up to \$8.5 million in insured revenue, including farms with specialty or organic commodities (both crops and livestock), or those marketing to local, regional, farm-identity preserved, specialty, or direct markets.

Availability



Causes of Loss

WFRP provides protection against the loss of insured revenue due to an unavoidable natural cause of loss, that occurs during the insurance period and will also provide carryover loss coverage if you are insured the following year. See the policy for a list of covered causes of loss.

Important Dates

Sales Closing, Cancellation, & Termination Dates

County Specific February 28 or March 15

Revised Farm Operation Report Dates

Calendar Year Filers July 15

Early Fiscal Year Filers July 15

Late Fiscal Year Filers: Fiscal Year Begins:

August or September 30 days after start of fiscal year

October, November, or December October 31

Contract Change Date August 31

Talk to your crop insurance agent about the dates that apply for your county.

Insurance Year

The insurance year is a calendar year if taxes are filed by calendar year, or a fiscal year if taxes are filed on a fiscal year.

Reporting Requirements

Revenue Losses - You must submit a notice of loss within 72 hours after discovery that revenue for the insurance year could be below the insured revenue. Inspections may be required for losses. You must have filed farm taxes for the insurance year before any claim can be made. You must make claims no later than 60 days after the date you submit farm tax forms to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Claim payments for a revenue loss under WFRP are paid within 30 days after the determination of a payment due as long as you are in compliance with the policy.

Coverage

WFRP protects your farm against the loss of farm revenue that you expect to earn or will get from:

- Commodities you produce during the insurance period, whether they are sold or not;
- Commodities you buy for resale during the insurance period; and
- All commodities on the farm except timber, forest, and forest products; and animals for sport, show, or pets.

The policy also provides replant coverage:

- For annual crops, except those covered by another policy;
- Equal to the cost of replanting up to a maximum of 20 percent of the expected revenue; and
- When 20 percent or 20 acres of the crop needs to be replanted.

The approved revenue amount is determined on your Farm Operation Report and is the lower of the expected revenue or your whole-farm historic average revenue. Coverage levels range from 50 percent to 85 percent. Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) coverage is not available. The number of commodities produced on the farm are counted using a calculation that determines:

- If the farm has the diversification needed to qualify for the 80 and 85 percent coverage levels (there is a 3 commodity requirement);

- The amount of premium rate discount you will receive due to farm diversification; and
- To determine the subsidy amount farms with 2 or more commodities will receive whole-farm subsidy and farms with one commodity will receive a basic subsidy.

You can buy WFRP alone or with other buy-up level (additional) Federal crop insurance policies. When you buy WFRP with another policy, the WFRP premium is reduced due to the coverage provided by the other policy. If you have other Federal crop insurance policies at catastrophic levels of coverage you do not qualify for WFRP.

WFRP ‘insured revenue’ is the total amount of insurance coverage provided by this policy. Your crop insurance agent and approved insurance provider determine the farm’s ‘approved revenue’ using the following information:

- Whole-Farm History Report;
- Farm Operation Report;
- Information regarding growth of the farm; and
- The coverage level you choose (50-85 percent) multiplied by the approved revenue is the insured revenue amount.

Coverage Level	Commodity Count (Minimum Required)	Maximum Farm Approved Revenue
85	3	\$10,000,000
80	3	\$10,625,000
75	1	\$11,333,333
70	1	\$12,142,857
65	1	\$13,067,923
60	1	\$14,166,167
55	1	\$15,454,545
50	1	\$17,000,000

The Commodity Count in the table above is a measure of the farm’s diversification, determined by the policy. The calculation determines the minimum proportion of revenue a commodity must contribute to the farm to be considered a commodity for WFRP. A farm’s revenue would be evenly distributed if an equal percentage of revenue came from each commodity produced, for example, 25 percent from corn, 25 percent from soybeans, 25 percent from spinach and 25 percent from

carrots. The minimum proportion to be considered a countable commodity is one-third of that amount. Therefore, in this example, for corn, soybeans, spinach, or carrots to each county, each commodity would have to make up at least 8.3 percent of the total revenue of the farm to count as a commodity under WFRP. Commodities with revenue below the minimum will be grouped together in order to recognize farm diversification (this will make the commodity count higher). The Maximum Farm Approved Revenue represents the maximum approved revenue for a farm to be eligible for WFRP given the \$8.5 million maximum liability allowed.

Eligibility

Eligibility for WFRP coverage requires you to:

- Be eligible to receive Federal benefits;
- Be a U.S. citizen or resident;
- File either a Schedule F tax form or other farm tax form that can be converted to a Substitute Schedule F;
- Have 5 consecutive years of farm tax history (for the 2015 WFRP insurance year, farm tax records from 2009-2013 must be available);
- Produce at least 50 percent of your agricultural commodities in counties where WFRP is available and the balance in neighboring counties;
- Have no more than \$8.5 million in insured revenue, which is the farm revenue allowed to be insured under the policy multiplied by the coverage level you select (see table above)
- Have no more than 50 percent of total revenue from commodities purchased for resale;
- Have ‘buy-up’ coverage levels on any Federal crop insurance plans you choose with the WFRP insurance plan.
- Meet the diversification requirements of the policy by having two or more commodities if a commodity you are raising has revenue protection or actual revenue history insurance available; and
- Meet the diversification requirements of the policy by having two or more commodities if there are potatoes on the farm.

Information You Provide

There are certain documents you must provide to your crop insurance agent to get Whole-Farm Revenue Protection insurance. For the Whole-Farm History Report you must provide:

- 5 consecutive years of Schedule F or other farm tax forms (it must be possible to complete a Substitute Schedule F form if you filed farm tax forms other than Schedule F). For the 2015 insurance year, tax

forms from 2009-2013 are required;

- If the farm operation has physically expanded in the last few years, information supporting the expansion if you want the farm to be considered as an expanding operation (your insurance company has the discretion to approve this or not); and
- Any supporting information required, including other signed tax forms, to show the farm tax forms are accurate and were filed with the IRS.

Growing Farm Operations

Operations that have been expanding over time may be allowed to increase their approved revenue amount based on an indexing procedure, or, if you can show that your operation has physically expanded (land, animals, facilities) so it has the potential to produce at least 10 percent more revenue than the historic average, your insurance company may approve your operation as an expanding operation to reflect that growth in the insurance guarantee.

Prices

Prices used to value commodities must be based on the guidelines for prices in the policy. Organic prices that meet the policy requirements are allowed for valuing organic commodities.

Market Readiness Operations and Post Production Costs

On-farm activities that occur in the field or in close proximity to the field, are the minimum required to remove the commodity from the field, and make it market ready are considered to be market readiness operations and can be left in the allowable revenue and expenses. The cost from all post production operations that are not considered market readiness operations must be adjusted out of the allowable revenue and expenses, including activities that increase the value of a commodity such as canning, freezing, and processing activities.

Losses Under Whole Farm Revenue Protection

Claims are settled after taxes are filed for the insurance year. A loss under the WFRP policy occurs when the WFRP revenue-to-count for the insured year falls below the WFRP insured revenue. Revenue-to-count for the insured year is:

- Revenue from the tax form that is ‘approved revenue’ according to the policy;
- Adjusted by excluding inventory from commodities sold that were produced in previous years;
- Adjusted by including the value of commodities produced that have not yet been harvested or sold; and
- Any other adjustments required by the policy such as

those from uninsured causes of loss.

If the farm operation does not have expenses during the insurance year of at least 70 percent of the “approved expenses” the insured revenue amount will be reduced by 1 percent for each percentage point the actual approved expenses are below 70 percent of the approved expenses.

Premium Subsidy

Farms with two or more commodities will receive a whole-farm premium subsidy as long as the minimum diversification requirements are met. Farms with one commodity will receive the basic level of premium subsidy.

Buying Whole Farm Revenue Protection

You can purchase Whole-Farm Revenue Protection from a crop insurance agent by the sales closing date shown for each county in the actuarial documents at:

webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/actuarialinformationbrowser2015CropCriteria.aspx. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA service centers and on the RMA website at: www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/agents/.

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