



Nursery Crop Insurance Basics

Get the most out of crop insurance by knowing your policy coverage and responsibilities. Use this checklist to make sure you have everything you will need in the event you need to make a claim against your crop insurance.

Getting Insured

1. Conduct a detailed inventory of your plants using Datascape to produce a Crop Inventory Valuation Report (CIVR).
2. Complete the Plant Inventory Value Report (PIVR) and submit with catalogs to insurance sales agent.
3. Participate in the pre-acceptance inspection process.

Pre-Acceptance Requirements

1. Nursery is clean and well maintained.
2. Plant growing conditions support healthy growth and development.
3. Best management practices are used to manage pests and nutrient inputs.
4. Over-winterization protection is available for freeze protection.
5. Irrigation equipment is adequate and is in good working order.
6. Inventory values are reported correctly.
7. Identify any existing damage.

Making a Claim

If you suffer a loss and have reported your loss to your crop insurance agent, you will need to provide the following information to make a claim.

1. Three years of sales records and input costs. If you do not have these records, you are not eligible to receive compensation for your claim.
2. Accurate inventory reports are required to be eligible for claim compensation. Inaccurate reporting may also cause a reduction in your indemnity payment.

Understanding Insurance Coverage

Catastrophic (CAT) coverage of losses are insured at 50% of your nursery stock at 55% of the dollar value in accordance with the Special Provisions of Insurance. For this coverage your premium is 100% subsidized and you only pay an administrative fee.

Buy-up Coverage and Insurance Options

You may purchase Buy-up coverage in 5% increments from 50% to 75% coverage level. With the Buy-up coverage your insurable nursery stock will be covered at the appropriate coverage level with 100% of the dollar value in accordance with the Special Provisions of Insurance.

Claim Payout Examples Based on a Total Loss Claim

\$100,000 CAT Policy

\$100,000 inventory

\$50,000 deductible

The producer must have at least 50% of the value reduced to collect.

\$50,000 loss X 55% price = \$27,500 payout

\$100,000 Buy-up Policy with 50% Coverage

50/100 policy 50% of the nursery covered at 100% price election

\$100,000 inventory

\$50,000 deductible

\$50,000 payout

\$100,000 Buy-up Policy with 75% Coverage

75/100 policy 75% of the nursery is covered at 100% price election

\$100,000 inventory

\$25,000 deductible

\$75,000 payout

For more information about nursery crop insurance options, visit www.rma.usda.gov.