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# 2018 GRAPE CROP INSURANCE COVERAGE

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## **PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT AGAINST**

Any unavoidable loss of production, damage or poor quality resulting from:

- Adverse weather—frost, wind, drought, heat, rain
- Bird & wildlife damage
- Diseases & pests
- Smoke taint

## **INSURABLE CROP QUALIFICATIONS & ELIGIBILITY**

- Vines must have reached **4th** growing season or **3rd** after grafting
- Growers can insure select or all grape varieties, but must insure all acres of any one variety selected in the county on which they receive a share of the crop
- When vineyards are leased on a crop share, either the property owner, operator or both can insure their share in the crop

## **GRAPE PRODUCTION YIELD GUARANTEE**

- Based on the average total tons harvested
- Average yield established using harvested tons per acre (APH) rolling average: 4 year minimum – 10 year maximum
- For vineyards with less than 4 years of production records, the average yield will be calculated using county average yields or by Determined Yield Request
- Minimum coverage starts at 50%, increases by 5% increments and maxes out at 85% of the of the approved average yield
- Unit guarantee coverage is by unit, not by acre. The per acre guarantee (coverage percentage times APH) multiplied by the number of acres equals the unit guarantee

## **INSURANCE UNITS**

- Each grape variety is a basic unit. Optional units are available for non-contiguous land.
- Owned or leased vineyards of the same variety that are not separated by land owned by others are considered a basic unit.
- Vineyards of the same variety and leased on a crop share are a basic unit. (Ask your agent for details).

## **BEGINNING, YOUNG FARMERS**

If you are within your first five years of farming, you may be eligible for:

- 10% reduction in premiums
- No administration fees
- Higher yield adjustments

**Last day to sign up for the 2018 crop year is January 31, 2018.**

## CONTRACT OPTION

All acres of a variety must be under a written contract

Contracts must be dated by May 15 of the growing year

Maximum allowed is double established price

## ESTABLISHED GRAPE PRICES\* BY VARIETY & CRUSH REPORT DISTRICT

- Price per variety to be paid for each ton of loss below the unit guarantee
- Established Grape Prices\* vary by Crush District

### CRUSH DISTRICT 3 (Sonoma/Marin Counties, 2017 pricing)

|                    |                |                 |                |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Cabernet Sauvignon | <b>\$2,600</b> | Petite Sirah    | <b>\$2,580</b> |
| Chardonnay         | <b>\$2,000</b> | Pinot Noir      | <b>\$3,285</b> |
| Zinfandel          | <b>\$2,565</b> | Sauvignon Blanc | <b>\$1,540</b> |

\* 2018 prices released on Nov. 1, 2018

## VINEYARD OWNER'S CROP INSURANCE WORKSHEET

Total Number of Acres

Average Tons Per Acre Yield

% of Coverage (50%-85%)

### TOTAL PROTECTION EXAMPLE

Owner/operator of **40** acres of Chardonnay grapes

Average yield: **4.0** tons per acre;  
75% Coverage = **3.0** tons

|              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| <b>3.0</b>   | Covered Tons          |
| x <b>40</b>  | Total Number of Acres |
| = <b>120</b> | Tons Unit Guarantee   |

|                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>\$2,000</b>     | Established Chardonnay Price |
| x <b>120</b>       | Tons Unit Guarantee          |
| = <b>\$240,000</b> | Protection For Total Loss    |

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \text{Average Tons Per Acre Yield} & \times & \text{\% of Coverage (50\%-85\%)} \\
 \hline
 & & \text{COVERED TONS} \\
 \\
 \text{Covered Tons} & \times & \text{Total Number of Acres} \\
 \hline
 & & \text{TONS UNIT GUARANTEE} \\
 \\
 \$ \text{Established Grape Price (see chart above)} & \times & \text{Tons Unit Guarantee} \\
 \hline
 & & \text{PROTECTION FOR TOTAL LOSS}
 \end{array}$$

### LOSS PAYMENT EXAMPLE

Damage: Rain at bloom, heat in September

|             |                     |
|-------------|---------------------|
| <b>120</b>  | Tons Unit Guarantee |
| - <b>92</b> | Tons Harvested*     |
| = <b>28</b> | Ton Loss            |

\*Appraised Production To Count

|                   |                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>\$2,000</b>    | Established Chardonnay Price |
| x <b>28</b>       | Ton Loss                     |
| = <b>\$56,000</b> | Loss Payment                 |

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \text{Tons Unit Guarantee} & - & \text{Tons Harvested and/or Appraised Production to Count} \\
 \hline
 & & \text{TON LOSS} \\
 \\
 \$ \text{Established Grape Price (see chart above)} & \times & \text{Ton Loss} \\
 \hline
 & & \text{LOSS PAYMENT}
 \end{array}$$

\* Example worksheet, calculations subject to change.

