Crop Insured
All peaches (including nectarines) in a county are insurable if:
- A premium rate is provided by the actuarial document;
- They are any variety grown for the production of fresh or processing peaches;
- They are from tree varieties that have a chilling hour requirement appropriate for the area;
- They are from a rootstock adapted to the area;
- They are in an orchard that is considered acceptable; and
- They are on trees that have reached at least the fourth growing season after being set out.

Counties Available
Peaches are insurable in Litchfield and Middlesex counties. Peaches may be insurable in other counties by written agreement if specific criteria are met. Contact an insurance agent for more details.

Causes of Loss
You are protected against the following:
- Adverse weather conditions, including hail, frost, freeze, wind, drought, and excess precipitation;
- Failure of irrigation water supply if caused by an insured peril during the insurance period;
- Fire caused by an insured peril in the insured period;
- Insect damage and plant disease except for insufficient or improper application of control measures;
- Insufficient chilling hour to break dormancy; or
- Wildlife.

Insurance Period
Coverage begins on November 21 and ends with the earliest occurrence of one of the following:
- Total destruction of the crop;
- Harvest of the crop;
- Final adjustment of a claim;
- Abandonment of the crop; or
- September 30.

Important Dates
Sales Closing Date ...................... November 20, 2014
Production Report Date ................. January 15, 2015
Acreage Report Date ..................... January 15, 2015
Premium Billing Date .................... August 15, 2015

Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss
Notice of Loss - If a loss occurs notify your crop insurance agent:
- Within 72 hours of initial discovery of damage;
- If you previously gave notice of crop damage, you must also provide notice at least 15 days before the beginning of harvest to claim an indemnity; or
- At least 3 days before the date harvest should have started if the crop will not be harvested.

Definitions
Fresh Peach Production - You must certify and provide records to support at least 50 percent of the acreage reported as fresh peaches was sold as fresh peaches in 1 or more of the 4 most recent crop years and sold for a price that is not less than the applicable price election. If the fresh peach production is sold, or could have been sold for a price less than the fresh peach price election, you must provide verifiable records to show that the price received was at least the amount paid for fresh peaches in the area.

Fresh Peaches - At least U.S. Extra No. 1 or better and a minimum of 2¼ inches in diameter.

Post Production Cost - Value specified in the price tab of the actuarial document that includes harvesting, packing, transportation, and marketing costs. This cost
is subtracted from the value of the damaged peaches if there is a quality loss due to an insured cause.

**Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies**

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your average yield and are subsidized as shown below. For example, an average actual production history (APH) yield of 300 bushels per acre would result in a guarantee of 150 bushels per acre at the 50-percent coverage level. You may choose different coverage levels for fresh and processing peaches.

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

**Price Elections**

- Fresh Price $47.75
- Processing Price $6.25

**Insurance Units**

**Basic Unit** - A basic insurance unit includes all your insurable peach acreage in the county in which you have 100 percent share or that is owned by one person and operated by another person on shares.

**Optional Units** - Optional units may be established if you can provide separate records for each unit, and the acreage is not insured under a CAT policy. Optional units may be established by:
- Non-contiguous land;
- Farm Service Agency Farm Numbers; and
- By type; fresh or processing.

**Loss Example**

Assume fresh peaches with an approved yield of 300 bushels per acre, 65-percent coverage level, 100 percent share, and a one-acre basic unit.

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\text{Approved Yield per acre} \times 0.65 = \text{Acre guarantee} \\
195 - 95 = \text{Production-to-Count} \\
100 \times \$47.75 = \text{Price election (fresh)} \\
\] $4,775

**Where to Buy Crop Insurance**

All multi-peril crop insurance, including CAT policies, are available from private insurance agents. 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/](http://www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/agents/)

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