

## Grain Corn – 2015

Group crop insurance offers protection against loss in yield and quality evaluated for the entire zone in which the participant's insured units are located. The coverage is offered for **organic** or **conventional** production.

### INSURABLE CROP

- Grain corn

### RISKS COVERED

#### ➤ COLLECTIVE RISKS

- Drought
- Excessive wind, rain, humidity or heat
- Floods
- Frost
- Hail
- Hurricanes, tornados
- Snow
- Uncontrollable insects and diseases
- Wild animals against which there is no adequate means of protection, with the exception of the waterfowl provided for through the damage compensation plan of the Federal/Provincial Agriinsurance Agreement

#### ➤ INDIVIDUAL RISKS (*Spot Loss*)

- Floods
- Hail
- Hurricanes, tornados
- Uncontrollable insects and diseases
- Wild animals against which there is no adequate means of protection, with the exception of the waterfowl provided for through the damage compensation plan of the Federal/Provincial Agriinsurance Agreement
- Early frost causing a drop in yield and that occurs prior to the following cut-off dates:
 

Region 02	<b>September 5</b>
Regions 04, 05, 08, 10, 11	<b>September 12</b>
Region 06, 07 (except zone 01), 14	<b>September 17</b>
Region 07 (zone 01)	<b>September 23</b>
- Late frost occurring in the spring

### PROTECTION OFFERED

*Benefit options:* **65%, 70%, 80%** or **85%** of the total insurable yield.

*Deductibles:* **35%, 30%, 20%** or **15%** depending on the benefit option chosen.

*Unit price options:* **100%, 80%** or **60%** (\$/t).

#### **Total insurable yield=**

Probable zone yield x Number of insurable units

*Probable yield:* specific to the participant's zone, expressed in kilograms of grain per hectare at a moisture rate of 15%.

*Specific term:* it is possible to insure the crop in more than one zone.

*End of coverage:* At harvest, without exceeding the harvest end date, **November 25**, except for region 02, whose harvest end date is **November 15**.

### FINANCING OF THE PREMIUM

The financing of the premium for the Crop Insurance Program is assumed by the governments (60%) and the participant (40%), for all benefit options.

The governments cost-share in a proportion of 60% for Canada and 40% for Québec.

### FINANCING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

The costs inherent in administering the Crop Insurance Program are shared in a proportion of 60% by the Government of Canada and 40% by the Government of Québec.

### ENROLMENT

*Enrolment deadline:* **April 30**.

*Minimum area:* **4 hectares**.

*Seeds:* the seed used must be a Canada pedigreed grade.

*Seeding cut-off date:* **June 1**.

Areas seeded after the cut-off date will remain insured when the cause of the delay in seeding is weather-related.

#### *Farming methods:*

Produce grain corn according to a cultivation plan complying with the Guide des normes reconnues par La Financière agricole du Québec en matière de pratiques culturales 2013 ([www.fadq.qc.ca/assurance\\_recolte/normes](http://www.fadq.qc.ca/assurance_recolte/normes)).

Present a cultivation plan when the farming methods differ from those in the *Guide des normes reconnues par La Financière agricole du Québec en matière de pratiques culturales 2013*.

### CROSS COMPLIANCE MEASURES

- When the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques (MDDELCC) gives La Financière agricole information which establishes that a member has, for a given year, failed to file a compliant phosphorus report, as set out in the Règlement sur les exploitations agricoles (agricultural operations regulations, REA), the following consequences are applied. Any compensation to which the member is entitled under the program is reduced by 25% for all of the member's insured products, for the insurance year targeted by the missing phosphorus report, without a decrease in the contribution owed. This reduction is limited to a maximum of \$50,000 for all payable compensation. However, a member who fails to produce a compliant phosphorus report for a second consecutive year is denied all compensation for the second targeted insurance year, for all of the member's insured products.

The provisions related to the phosphorus report concern all the raising or spreading sites owned, leased or on which the operation custom produces. It targets all the operation's productions, whether or not they are covered by a program at La Financière agricole.

For more information on the requirements related to the phosphorus report, participants should consult an agrologist or the regional office of the MDDELCC

- In accordance with the AOR, La Financière agricole excludes from insurable areas those on which it is prohibited to cultivate crops. This measure may concern in particular areas that have been deforested and used for agricultural purposes while on the territory of one of the municipalities listed in the AOR.
- In accordance with the Protection Policy for Lakeshores, Riverbanks, Littoral Zones and Flood Plains, La Financière agricole excludes from insurable areas those cultivated within a three-metre strip of vegetation with respect to riverbanks.

#### CHANGES TO CERTIFICATE

Participants must notify La Financière agricole of any change to their agricultural program that could change their insurance certificate.

*Deadline for changes: August 1.*

#### NOTICE OF DAMAGE

##### ➤ COLLECTIVE RISKS

Participants do not need to notify La Financière when a collective risk affects their insured crops.

An appraisal is made at a representative number of producers every year, regardless of the weather conditions.

##### ➤ Individual risks (Spot Loss)

When an individual risk affects a participant's insured crops, the participant must immediately notify La Financière agricole.

*Deadline for producing a notice of damage: as soon as possible and at the latest 2 business days* before the beginning of the harvest, so that an assessment can be conducted while **the crop is still standing or, if applicable, 2 business days before urgent work or before the crop is destroyed.**

**Neglecting to submit a notice of damage within the prescribed timeframes can lead to a loss of the right to compensation.**

#### COMPENSATION

##### ➤ COLLECTIVE RISKS

After a zone risk, compensation is paid when a collective appraisal reveals losses for the insured crop greater than the deductible corresponding to the benefit option listed on the participant's certificate. The collective appraisal takes into account both loss in yield and downgrading of seeds.

##### ➤ INDIVIDUAL RISKS (*Spot Loss*)

After an individual risk, compensation is paid when losses in yield are greater than the deductible corresponding to the benefit option listed on the participant's certificate.

*Minimum area: 2 undivided hectares.*

When La Financière agricole authorizes destruction of the crop or work to substitute the insured crop, compensation in spot loss risks is diminished by the value of the nonincurred expenses, including harvesting expenses and the substitution crop's fixed expenses.

The salvage value of the insured crop is taken into account when calculating the compensation.

Compensation could be adjusted if participants fail to abide by approved farming methods.

#### APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

Any request for a review of a final decision rendered regarding a participant's insurance file must be made in writing, explaining the motives behind the request, and sent to the service centre in charge of the participant's file or delivered in person to a representative of La Financière agricole within ninety (90) days from the date of the decision in question. However, program conditions and parameters or program premises, the results of collective appraisals for crop insurance losses and exclusion from programs for motives provided for in the programs may not be subject to a request for a review.

*This coverage summary in no way takes precedence over the provisions of the Crop Insurance Program, of the regulation in effect and of the agreements with the Government of Canada.*