

Strawberries and Raspberries – 2015 Fall Enrolment

Individual crop insurance offers coverage tailored to the participant's farming operation. It is based on **the farming operation's production volume**.

INSURABLE CROPS

- Strawberry fields in the first year of production
- Strawberry fields in the second year or more of production
- Second-year raspberry plantings
- Raspberry fields in production
- Second-year raspberry fields cultivated with Elite or Foundation plants intended for the production of certified plants

RISKS COVERED

Plan A

- Drought
- Excessive wind, rain, humidity and heat
- Floods
- Hail
- Hurricanes, tornadoes
- Ice formation in soil or frost from November to April
- Late frost for fruit production
- 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

Plan D

- Late frost for fruit production

PROTECTION OFFERED

Benefit options:

Plan A: **60%, 70%, 80% or 80% with abandonment** of the total insurable yield.

Plan D: **60%, 70%, 80%, 80% with abandonment or 85%** of the total insurable yield.

Deductibles: **40%, 30%, 20% or 15%** according to the benefit option chosen.

Unit price options: **100%, 80% or 60%**¹

$\text{Total insurable yield} = \text{Probable yield} \times \text{Number of insurable units}$
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Probable yield: tailored to the participant's operation, expressed in:

- Kilograms per hectare;
- Number of canes per hectare.

End of coverage: At the end of harvesting but at the latest on November 14 for raspberry plants in the 2nd year of planting.

¹ Strawberry and Raspberry fields : (\$/kg)
Raspberry plantations in their second year of establishment, growing Elite or Foundation-class plants (\$/1 000 stems)

FINANCING OF THE PREMIUM

The financing of the premium for the Crop Insurance Program, assumed by the governments and the participant, varies according to the different benefit options.

Benefit option	Contribution gouvernements	Contribution participant
60% in production	80%	20%
60% others ¹	60%	40%
70% in production	70%	30%
70% others ¹	60%	40%
80%	60%	40%
80% with abandonment	56,5%	43,5%
85%	60%	40%

¹ Patches cultivated with Elite and Foundation plants and patches being established.

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

FINANCING OF 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

Deadline for enrolment: **November 15 preceding the insurance year.**

Minimum area: **0.5 hectare per crop.**

Farming methods: Abide by farming methods recommended by the Centre de référence en agriculture et agroalimentaire du Québec or approved by La Financière agricole.

CROSS COMPLIANCE MEASURES

- When the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements (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 *Protection Policy for Lakeshores, Riverbanks, Littoral Zones and Floodplains*, the insurable area is established excluding any one located on the three-metre strip along riverbank as provided for in the regulation.

CHANGE TO CERTIFICATE

No change may be made to crop insurance coverage by the participant after the enrolment deadline.

NOTICE OF DAMAGE

When a participant's insured crops are damaged, 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

➤ EMERGENCY MEASURES:

Emergency measures may be authorized by La Financière agricole to mitigate or avoid a drop in yield.

An indemnity based on the rates in effect for the work done can be paid *only for benefits options at 80%, 80% with abandonment, and 85%.*

➤ ABANDONMENT:

When the crop is damaged by a risk covered by the insurance, to the extent of abandoning this crop over part or all of the affected area, abandonment compensation is paid out for the affected area when the subscriber has opted for the 80% guarantee with abandonment. The compensation is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Indemnity} = 80\% \text{ of insurable yield of the area affected} \times \text{Unit price}$$

Abandonment can be authorized at any time during the season, as long as a La Financière agricole advisor can assess the damages while the crop is still in the field.

Minimum area: **Entire field or 0.5 hectares (undivided).**

Salvage value and nonincurred expenses: Deducted from compensation, if any.

➤ DROP IN YIELD:

When damage causes a loss greater than the deductible listed on the certificate.

$$\text{Indemnity} = ((\text{Total insurable yield} \times \text{Benefit option}) - \text{Actual yield}) \times \text{Unit price}$$

However, when the benefit option covers only one risk, the drop in yield cannot exceed that attributable to the risk, as determined by La Financière agricole.

Salvage value and nonincurred expenses: Deducted from compensation, if any.

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 [Program](#), of the regulation in effect and of the agreements with the Government of Canada.

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