

## Special Provisions of Insurance

### 2011 and Succeeding Crop Years

Year: 2011

Commodity: Blueberries (0012)

State: Maine (23)

Date: 8/20/2010

Plan: APH (90)

County: Piscataquis (021)

### Program Dates for Insurable Types and Practices

Sales Closing Date	Earliest Planting Date	Final Planting Date	Acreage Reporting Date	Premium Billing Date
11/20/2010			1/31/2011	9/15/2011
<b>Type</b>		<b>Practice</b>		
Lowbush 004		Irrigated 002		
Lowbush 004		Non-Irrigated 003		
Lowbush 004		Organic(Certified) Irr. 702 *7		
Lowbush 004		Organic(Transitional) Irr. 712 *7		
Lowbush 004		Organic(Certified) Non-Irr. 713 *7		
Lowbush 004		Organic(Transitional) Non-Irr. 714 *7		

### Statement

#### General

In addition to Basic Units as defined in section 1 of the Basic Provisions, optional units may be established if each optional unit is located on separate FSA farm serial numbers, or optional units may be based on separate irrigated and non-irrigated acreage. Optional units are not available under catastrophic (CAT) insurance.

#### SET OUT YEAR AND LEAF YEAR

The SET OUT YEAR for APH reporting purposes is the actual calendar year for acreage planted before July 1st. For acreage planted on or after July 1st, the SET OUT YEAR shall be the year following the calendar year in which set out actually occurred.

To determine LEAF YEAR subtract the set out year from the calendar year of insurance (or APH crop year for the yield substitution purposes), then add one year.

If any production from any unit will be marketed directly to the consumer (without the intervention of a wholesaler, retailer, packer, processor, shipper or buyer), a pre-harvest crop appraisal is required. Notification to us must be provided at least 15 days before harvest begins. This requirement may be waived, in writing by the Regional Office, based upon evidence that acceptable supporting documentation is being maintained as required in the Crop Insurance Handbook.

All first time insured blueberry acreage requires the completion of a pre-acceptance perennial crop inspection to determine insurability of the plantation. Additional inspections can be required at the discretion of the Regional Office.

The production reporting date will be the acreage reporting date.

Contact your agent regarding possible premium discounts, options, and/or additional coverage that may be available.

#### Practice

- \*7 Acreage and production history from certified organic or transitional acreage will be contained in separate APH databases. Each APH database will include production and acreage from any applicable buffer zone. Any yearly average APH yields, for the most recent four crop years only, from the transitional acreage database will be used in place of Transitional Yields (T-yields) to establish the certified organic APH database. A variable T-yield will be used to complete the database, if required.

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#### **Insurance Availability**

Lowbush blueberry plants shall be insurable the second growing season following pruning. Insurance attaches the second year of a two year cycle, with the first year vegetative and the second year fruiting. Acreage will be reported as uninsurable in the vegetative stage, and separate APH block reporting is required when insurable fruiting acreage is reported within the same unit. The uninsured acreage should be reported and Special Yield Descriptor U will be submitted with no yield shown on the APH for block(s) or unit in the vegetative stage. Crop Insurance Handbook (CIH) procedure on high yield variability for alternate bearing will not apply for blocks or units following this management or cultural practice. CIH procedure on high yield variability for downward yield trend will be done using the most recent three APH per-acre actual yields.

The unit must have produced 1,000 pounds per acre within the base period to meet the minimum production insurability requirements.

#### **Quality**

In lieu of the U.S. Number 1 grade standard, marketable blueberry production in Maine is blueberries that are accepted by a packer, processor, or other handler, or blueberries that meet U.S.D.A. Grades A or B.