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## 2010 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

# Cultivated Clams (Pilot)

## Florida, South Carolina

### Crop Insured

The crop insured will be all the clams in the county that—

- meet all the requirements for insurability;
- for which prices are provided in the actuarial materials;
- are grown by a person, who in at least three of the five previous crop years: (1) grew clams for commercial sale; and (2) exercised decision-making authority over all operational aspects of the farm;
- are in a growing location acceptable to us and for which you provided GPS coordinates with your clam inventory value report in accordance with the special provisions;
- are grown in a county for which a premium rate is provided in the actuarial documents; and
- use a practice that fixes the insurable clams to the land within the growing location.

### Counties Available

**Florida:** Brevard, Dixie, Indian River, Levy

**South Carolina:** Beaufort, Charleston

### Causes of Loss

Decrease in salinity<sup>1</sup>  
Disease  
Freeze  
Hurricane  
Ice floe  
Oxygen depletion<sup>2</sup>  
Storm surge<sup>3</sup>  
Tidal wave

<sup>1</sup>That is associated with a local weather event and verified by NOAA or USGS. <sup>2</sup>Due to vegetation, microbial activity, harmful algae bloom, or high water temperature unless otherwise limited by the Special Provisions—see your insurance agent. <sup>3</sup>Associated with a weather event verified by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) or United States Geologic Survey (USGS) or as otherwise defined in the special provisions—see your insurance agent.

### Insurance Period

#### Coverage begins:

- (1) On December 1 for new applications, when the application and the inventory value report are submitted by October 30;
- (2) On the 31st day following the date of submission for new applications, when the application and the inventory value report are submitted between November 1 and 30;
- (3) On December 1 for policies continued from the prior year if the inventory value report is submitted by October 30; and
- (4) On the 31st day following the date of submission of the inventory value report for policies continued from the prior year when the inventory value report is submitted between November 1 and 30.

**Note:** No application or inventory value reports, except revisions, will be accepted after November 30.

#### Insurance ends at the earliest of:

- (1) The date of final adjustment of a loss when the total indemnities due equal the amount of insurance;
- (2) Insurance ceases immediately on any clams removed from the unit; or
- (3) November 30.

If you acquire a financial interest in any insurable clams after coverage begins, but after December 1 of the crop year, and our inspection determines that the clams are acceptable, insurance will be considered to have attached to such clams 30 days after a revised inventory report is accepted by us indicating the stage value of the clams.

### Reporting Requirements

**Acreage Report**— You must timely provide an inventory value report to your insurance agent by the sales closing date (see Insurance Period: Coverage begins).

**Notice of Loss**—See your insurance agent for detailed requirements.

## Important Dates

Sales Closing.....	November 30
Acreage Reporting.....	November 30
Premium Billing.....	October 1
Cancellation/Termination.....	November 30

## Definitions

**Amount of insurance** - For each basic unit, your inventory value multiplied by the coverage level percentage you elect, and multiplied by your share. Your accumulated paid indemnities during the crop year for each basic or optional unit may not exceed your amount of insurance.

**Cancellation Date**—The calendar date specified in the crop provisions on which coverage for the crop will automatically renew unless canceled in writing by either you or us, or terminated in accordance with the policy terms.

**Global Positioning System (GPS)** - A space based radio position, navigation, and time transfer system involving satellites and computers to determine the latitude and longitude of a receiver on Earth by computing the time difference for signals from different satellites to reach the receiver and referenced in the special provisions.

**Inventory value report** - Your report that declares the stage values of insurable clams.

## Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage level options range from 50 to 75 percent of the inventory value. For example, if you select the 65 -percent coverage level, your premium share would be 41 percent of the base premium. Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown in the following table.

Item	Percent					
Coverage Level	50	55	60	65	70	75
Premium Subsidy	67	64	64	59	59	55
Your Premium Share	33	36	36	41	41	45

Catastrophic (CAT) coverage is fixed at 50 percent of your average yield and 55 percent of the price election. CAT is 100 percent subsidized with no premium cost to you. There is, however, an administrative fee of \$300 per crop per county, regardless of the acreage.

## Loss Example

This example assumes a 75-percent coverage level.

\$100,000	Clam inventory value
<u>    x .75</u>	Coverage level
\$ 75,000	Insurable inventory
\$100,000	Field market value before loss
<u>  -50,000</u>	Field market value after loss
\$ 50,000	Value of loss
<u>  - 25,000</u>	Deductible = 1 minus the percent of coverage level multiplied by the clam inventory value [(1-.75) x \$100,000 = \$25,000]
<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>Indemnity payment</b>

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