

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR THE
SESAME PILOT CROP PROVISIONS (2025-0396)
(Released November 2024)**

The following is a brief description of the changes to the Sesame Pilot Crop Provisions that will be effective for the 2025 and succeeding crop years. Please refer to the Sesame Pilot Crop Provisions for complete information.

- Throughout the policy – Made non-substantive editorial revisions.
- Introductory paragraph – Clarified that the Sesame Crop Provisions are attached to and made part of the Common Crop Insurance Policy, Basic Provisions.
- Section 1 – In the definition of “base contract price,” added language allowing a formula to calculate the base contract price in addition to a fixed price per pound.
- Section 3 – Added new paragraph (c) to the policy to explain how the base contract price is determined if the base contract price is derived from a formula.



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
SESAME PILOT CROP PROVISIONS**

In return for your payment of premium and administrative fee for the coverage, these Sesame Crop Provisions will be attached to and made part of the Common Crop Insurance Policy, Basic Provisions (Basic Provisions) subject to the terms and conditions in your policy.

1. Definitions

Base contract price – The fixed price per pound (in U.S. dollars per pound), or a formula for calculating a price per pound based on a Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) futures market price, of clean dry sesame seed stipulated in the processor contract (without regard to discounts or incentives) that will be used to determine your price election.

Clean dry sesame – Clean whole sesame seed after removal of dockage, foreign matter, and broken or damaged seed, with moisture adjusted to 5 percent. The seed must be marketable, for example, no heat damage, no mold damage, no Commercially Objectionable Foreign Odors (COFO), and not containing materials excluded by law such as glass or metal.

Harvest – Combining for seed.

Non-dehiscent sesame variety – A variety of sesame grown for food or industrial use that retains at least 65 percent of the seed in the capsule for at least 3 months after drying in the field and releases at least 95 percent of the retained seed from the capsules when mechanically harvested.

Planted acreage – In addition to the definition in the Basic Provisions, sesame seed must be planted in rows. Acreage planted in any other manner will not be insurable.

Price election – In lieu of the definition in the Basic Provisions, the price election is the “base contract price.” This value will be used for the purposes of calculating the amount of premium and of any indemnity.

Processor – Any business enterprise regularly engaged in buying and processing sesame seed that possesses all licenses and permits for processing sesame seed required by the state in which it operates, and that possesses facilities, or has contractual access to such facilities, with enough equipment to accept and process the contracted sesame seed within a reasonable amount of time after harvest.

Processor contract – An agreement in writing between you and a processor, containing at a minimum:

- (1) Your commitment to plant and grow non-dehiscent sesame of the types specified in the Special Provisions, and to deliver the sesame production to the processor;
- (2) The processor’s commitment to purchase all the production from a specified number of acres or the specified quantity of production stated in the processor contract; and
- (3) A base contract price.

Sesame – Non-dehiscent sesame varieties adapted for mechanical harvesting of the seed for food or industrial use with minimal harvesting loss.

2. Unit Division

In addition to the requirements of section 34 of the Basic Provisions, optional units may also be established by type, if types are designated in the Special Provisions.

3. Insurance Guarantees, Coverage Levels, and Prices

- (a) In addition to the requirements of section 3 of the Basic Provisions, you may select only 1 base contract price percentage for all the sesame in the county insured under this policy.
- (b) If there are multiple base contract prices within the same unit, each will be considered a separate price election that will be multiplied by the value of the production guarantee (per acre) under the applicable processor contract. These amounts will be totaled to determine the total production guarantee used to establish the premium, liability, and indemnity for the unit.
- (c) If your base contract price is a formula and you:
 - (1) Finalize the price with your processor by the acreage reporting date (for example, by locking in the CME futures market price), the resulting fixed price will be used for your base contract price; or
 - (2) Do not finalize the fixed price with your processor by the acreage reporting date, we will calculate your base contract price by averaging the daily settlement prices of the CME futures contract specified in your processor contract for the 5 trading days prior to the acreage reporting date. For example, your processor contract specifies the base contract price is calculated as 2.4 multiplied by the November CME soybean futures contract for the current crop year. The 5 trading days prior to the acreage reporting date of July 15 are July 8 through July 11 and July 14 (due to a weekend). The average settlement price of the November CME soybean futures contract for the current crop year during these 5 days is multiplied by 2.4 to determine the base contract price.
- (d) To determine the total production guarantee under the applicable processor contract, apply the lesser of the:
 - (1) Contracted acres multiplied by the production guarantee (per acre);
 - (2) Planted acres multiplied by the production guarantee (per acre);
 - (3) Total production stated in the contract; or
 - (4) For acreage and production contracts only, the contracted acres multiplied by the contracted production (per acre).

4. Contract Changes

In accordance with section 4 of the Basic Provisions, the contract change date is November 30 preceding the cancellation date.

5. Cancellation and Termination Dates

In accordance with section 2 of the Basic Provisions, the cancellation and termination dates are:

State and County	Cancellation and Termination Dates
The following counties in Texas: Atascosa, Bee, Cameron, Colorado, Frio, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kleberg, Live Oak, Matagorda, Medina, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Uvalde, Wharton, Willacy, and Zavala	January 31
Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina	February 28
All other Texas counties and all other States	March 15

6. Report of Acreage

In addition to section 6 of the Basic Provisions, you must provide a copy of all processor contracts to us on or before the acreage reporting date.

7. Insured Crop

(a) In accordance with section 8 of the Basic Provisions, the crop insured will be all clean dry sesame seed in the county for which a premium rate is provided by the actuarial documents:

- (1) In which you have a share;
- (2) That is planted for harvest as seed for food or industrial use;
- (3) That is grown under, and in accordance with, the requirements of a processor contract executed on or before the acreage reporting date and is not excluded from the processor contract at any time during the crop year; and
- (4) That is not, unless allowed by the Special Provisions:
 - (i) Interplanted with another crop; or
 - (ii) Planted into an established grass or legume; or
 - (iii) Planted using a non-irrigated practice on land from which, in the same calendar year:
 - (A) A hay crop was harvested (including a harvested small grain hay crop);
 - (B) A small grain crop reached the headed stage (regardless of the percentage of small grain plants that reached the headed stage); or
 - (C) A crop was grazed past March 15 (or an alternative date in the Special Provisions).

(b) A sesame producer who is also a processor may establish an insurable interest if the following requirements are met:

- (1) The producer must comply with these Crop Provisions;
- (2) Prior to the sales closing date, the Board of Directors or officers of the processor must execute and adopt a resolution that contains the same terms as an acceptable processor contract. Such resolution will be considered a processor contract under this policy; and
- (3) Our inspection reveals that the processing facilities comply with the definition of a processor.

8. Insurable Acreage

In addition to section 9 of the Basic Provisions:

- (a) Any acreage of the insured crop that is damaged before the final planting date, to the extent that a majority of producers in the area would not normally further care for the crop, must be replanted unless we agree that it is not practical to replant. No replant payment is applicable.
- (b) We will not insure any acreage that does not meet the rotation requirements, if applicable, contained in the Special Provisions.
- (c) Insurable acreage will be:
 - (1) For acreage-only based processor contracts and acreage and production-based processor contracts that specify a maximum number of acres, the lesser of:
 - (i) The planted acres; or
 - (ii) The maximum number of acres specified in the contract.
 - (2) For production-only based processor contracts, the lesser of:
 - (i) The number of acres determined by dividing the production stated in the processor contract by the approved yield; or
 - (ii) The planted acres.

9. Insurance Period

In accordance with section 11 of the Basic Provisions, the end of the insurance period dates apply to the calendar year in which the crop is normally harvested unless otherwise stated in the Special Provisions:

- (a) December 10 for Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas; or
- (b) December 31 for Alabama and Georgia.

10. Causes of Loss

In accordance with section 12 of the Basic Provisions, insurance is provided only against the following causes of loss that occur during the insurance period:

- (a) Adverse weather;
- (b) Fire;
- (c) Volcanic eruption;
- (d) Earthquake;
- (e) Wildlife;
- (f) Insects, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of pest control measures;
- (g) Plant disease, but not damage due to insufficient or improper application of disease control measures;
- (h) Failure of the irrigation water supply, if due to a cause of loss listed in section 10(a) through 10(g) that occurs during the insurance period; or
- (j) Rejection of production for excessively high moisture content is an uninsured cause of loss.

11. Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss

Representative samples are required in accordance with section 14 of the Basic Provisions.

12. Settlement of Claim

- (a) We will determine your loss on a unit basis.
 - (1) In the event you are unable to provide separate, acceptable production records:
 - (i) For any optional units, we will combine all optional units for which such production records were not provided; or
 - (ii) For any basic units, we will allocate any commingled production to such units in

proportion to our liability on the harvested acreage for the units.

- (2) For any processor contract that stipulates only the amount of production to be delivered, and notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any unit division provisions in the Basic Provisions, no indemnity will be paid for any loss of production on any unit if the insured produced a crop sufficient to fulfill the processor contract(s) forming the basis of the insurance guarantee.
- (b) In the event of loss or damage covered by this policy, we will settle your claim by:
- (1) Multiplying the insured acreage of each type, if applicable, determined in accordance with section 8(c) by its respective production guarantee (per acre);
 - (2) Multiplying each result in section 12(b)(1) by the respective price election for each type, if applicable;
 - (3) Totaling the results in section 12(b)(2);
 - (4) Multiplying the production of clean dry sesame seed to be counted for each type, if applicable (see section 12(c)), by its respective price election. (If you have multiple processor contracts with varying price elections within the same unit, we will value your production to count by using your highest price election first and will continue in decreasing order to your lowest price election based on the amount of production insured at each price election.);
 - (5) Totaling the results in section 12(b)(4);
 - (6) Subtracting the results in section 12(b)(5) from the results in section 12(b)(3); and
 - (7) Multiplying the result in section 12(b)(6) by your share.

For example:

You have a 100 percent share in 50 acres of sesame in the unit, with a 500-pound production guarantee (per acre) and a price election of \$0.25 per pound. Due to insurable causes, you are only able to harvest 20,000 pounds of clean dry seed. Your indemnity would be calculated as follows:

- (1) 50 acres × 500 pounds = 25,000 pounds guarantee;
 - (2) 25,000 pounds × \$0.25 price election = \$6,250 value of guarantee;
 - (3) 20,000 pounds × \$0.25 price election = \$5,000 value of production to count;
 - (4) \$6,250 - \$5,000 = \$1,250 loss; and
 - (5) \$1,250 × 100% = \$1,250 indemnity payment.
- (c) The total production to count, specified in pounds of clean dry sesame seed, from all insurable acreage on the unit will include:
- (1) All appraised production as follows:

- (i) Not less than the production guarantee (per acre) for acreage:
 - (A) That is abandoned;
 - (B) That is put to another use without our consent;
 - (C) That is damaged solely by uninsured causes; or
 - (D) For which you fail to provide production records that are acceptable to us.
 - (ii) Production lost due to uninsured causes.
 - (iii) Unharvested production.
 - (iv) Potential production on insured acreage that you intend to abandon or put to another use, if you and we agree on the appraised amount of production. Upon such agreement, the insurance period for that acreage will end when you put the acreage to another use or abandon the crop. If agreement on the appraised amount of production is not reached:
 - (A) If you do not elect to continue to care for the crop, we may give you consent to put the acreage to another use if you agree to leave intact, and provide sufficient care for, representative samples of the crop in locations acceptable to us. (The amount of production to count for such acreage will be based on the harvested production or appraisals from the samples at the time harvest should have occurred. If you do not leave the required samples intact, or fail to provide sufficient care for the samples, our appraisal made prior to giving you consent to put the acreage to another use will be used to determine the amount of production to count.); or
 - (B) If you elect to continue to care for the crop, the amount of production to count for the acreage will be the harvested production, or our reappraisal if additional damage occurs and the crop is not harvested.
- (2) All harvested clean dry sesame seed production from the insurable acreage.

13. Late and Prevented Planting

The late and prevented planting provisions of the Basic Provisions are not applicable.

14. Written Agreements

Only written agreements under section 18(f)(2) of the Basic Provisions (for counties without actuarial documents for the crop) are applicable. No other policy provisions may be modified.