

Reducing Risk

Kentucky Horticulture Council

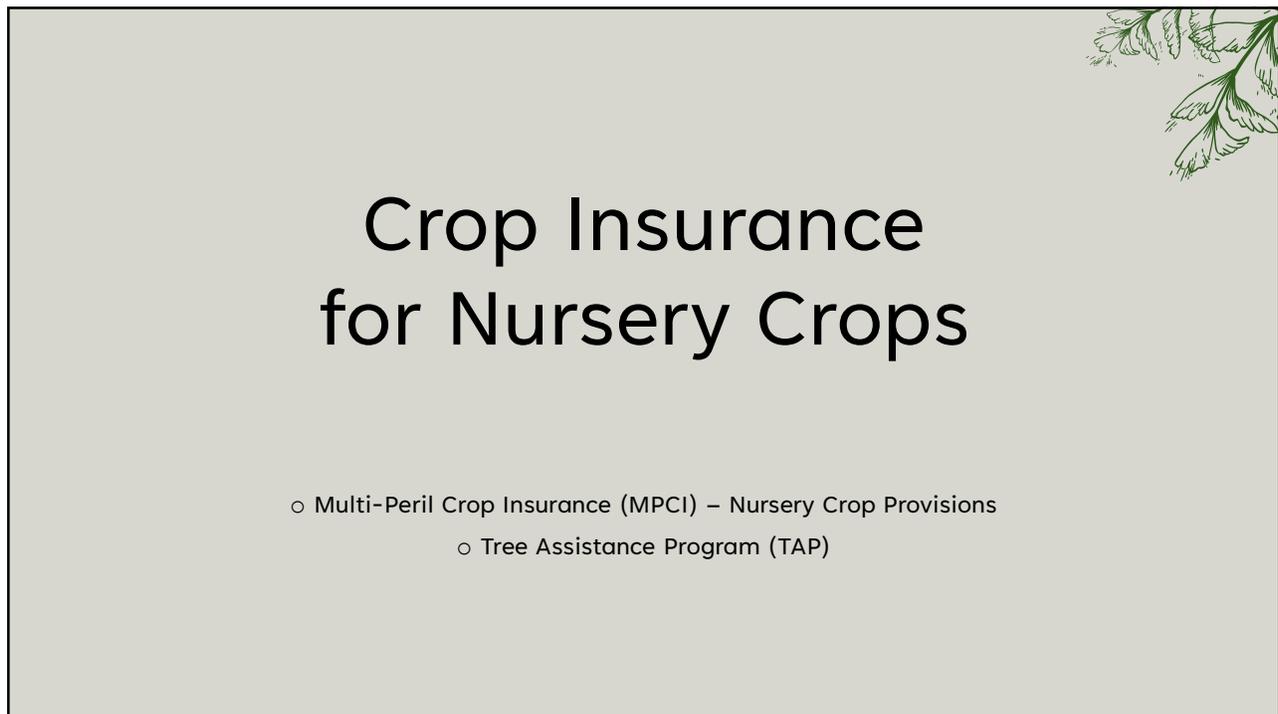
SPECIALTY CROP INSURANCE
WEBINAR SERIES

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Crop Insurance
for Nursery Crops

- Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) – Nursery Crop Provisions
 - Tree Assistance Program (TAP)

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MPCI - Nursery Crop Insurance Provisions

- From the USDA Risk Management Agency
- Available in all states and counties
- Nursery must receive at least 40% of the gross income from the wholesale marketing
- Plants can be container grown, field grown, or both
 - Can insure one type, or both, but you must insure all plants of each practice type

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Insurable Plants

- Must be:
 - On the RMA Eligible Plant List
 - Irrigated
 - Grown in appropriate medium
 - Grown and sold with the root system attached



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Uninsurable Plants

- Stock plants
- Grown for harvest of buds, greenery, and flowers
- Grown in mixed containers

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Causes of Loss

Covered

- Adverse weather
- Failure of irrigation water supply
- Fire
- Wildlife
- Protection & control measures must have been in place and failed

Not Covered

- Collapse of structure and failure of power
 - Unless caused by covered cause of loss
- Disease or insect infestation
- Plants fail to grow to expected size
- Inability to market

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Coverage levels

- Catastrophic Coverage Level
 - Fixed at 27.5% of plant inventory value
 - Only cost is \$655 service fee
- Premium Coverage Levels

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

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Important Dates

- Contract Change Date – January 31
- Sales Closing Date – May 1
- Cancellation Date – May 1
- Insurance Period Begins – June 1
- Claim Filing
 - Notify Approved Insurance Provider (AIP) of damage to plants – within 72 hours of damage or loss
 - Claim for indemnity within 60 days of damage or loss

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Tree Assistance Program (TAP)

- Administered by the FSA
- Available to nursery tree growers and orchardists
 - Don't have to own the land grown on
- Financial assistance to replant trees, bushes, and vines lost to natural disaster or plant disease
 - Ornamental, fruit, nut, and Christmas trees
 - Excludes timber trees
- More than 15% mortality loss per stand for each disaster event or disease occurrence is required for assistance
- Can apply up to 90 days after loss or disaster

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TAP Payment

- The lesser of:
 - 65% of actual replanting cost
 - 50% of actual cost of rehabilitation
- Beginning or Veteran Farmer receive lesser of:
 - 75% of actual replanting cost
 - 75% of actual cost of rehabilitation

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MPCI and TAP resources

- www.kyhortcouncil.org
 - Fact sheets
 - Other webinars and videos
 - PDF version of this presentation

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Webinar Schedule

- WFRP (Whole Farm Revenue Protection) - December 14, 2021
 - Vegetable, Fruit, and Nut Crops* - December 28, 2021
 - And more in 2022!

* - Recorded Video Conversation



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