Hops can be insured against production losses or decline in market prices through the Whole Farm Revenue Protection insurance program.

What is Whole Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP)?
WFRP is a risk management safety net for one or multiple commodities on the farm under one insurance policy, providing an insurance “umbrella” for the entire operation. This program is tailored for any farm with up to $8.5 million in insured revenue, including farms with specialty or organic commodities (both crops and livestock), or those marketing to local, regional, farm-identity preserved, specialty, or direct markets. The policy also provides provisions for replanting.

Whole Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) insurance protects the adjusted gross revenue you earn or expect to earn from crops and livestock when you suffer production losses or decline in market prices due to unavoidable natural events. Commodities covered include those you produce during the insurance period, whether they are sold or not, and commodities you buy for resale during the insurance period. All of the commodities on the farm can be covered with this policy except timber, forest, and forest products and animals for sport, show or pets.

2019 Dates for WFRP
Coverage is provided for the duration of the producer’s tax year (the insurance period). The insurance period is a calendar year if taxes are filed by calendar year, or a fiscal year if taxes are filed by fiscal year.

| Sales Closing, Cancellation, and Termination Dates For Calendar Year and Early Fiscal Year Filers | March 15 |
| Sales Closing, Cancellation, and Termination Dates For Late Fiscal Year Filers | November 20 |
Subsidies for insurance premiums
The federal government subsidizes the farmer-paid premiums to reduce the cost to farmers. In addition, it provides reimbursement to the private insurance companies to offset operating and administrative costs that would otherwise be paid by farmers as part of their premium. Through this federal support, crop insurance remains affordable to a majority of America’s farmers and ranchers.

Disaster Assistance - NAP
Hops are also eligible for Disaster Assistance coverage through the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Sales closing date is November 20. Contact your local FSA office for more information about this program.

Where to Buy Crop Insurance
Crop insurance policies are available from private insurance agents licensed to sell crop insurance in Vermont. A list of licensed crop insurance agents is available on the RMA website at:


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