NY Crop Insurance Fact Sheet Grape SCO for FLGP Counties 2018







What is SCO and how does it work?

The Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) is an additional crop insurance option that provides coverage for a portion of the underlying crop insurance policy deductible. It follows the coverage of the underlying policy. For an underlying Yield Protection policy, the SCO covers yield loss.

Loss payments are made when there is a loss in yield for the designated SCO area. It is NOT based on the individual policyholder's yield performance.

What is the cost and coverage?

SCO increases the level of coverage to 86% of a producer's APH Yield. The SCO endorsement results in an additional premium and administrative fee.

The amount of protection and cost is based on the underlying policy coverage:

- Lower underlying coverage, higher SCO protection and cost
- Higher underlying coverage, lower SCO protection and cost
- There is no coverage overlap between underlying and SCO coverage
- Covers all planted acreage of the crop.

When is an indemnity paid?

The indemnity is based on area yield loss for yield protection plans. The producer should keep basis risk, or the relationship between a farm and area-level yields, in mind when considering an SCO endorsement for a crop insurance policy. Indemnity payments begin if area yield is less than 86% of the expected SCO yield (area loss more than 14%).

The actual amount of the SCO indemnity payment is based on the individual underlying policy. The maximum value of the indemnity payment is:

(86% - Individual Underlying Policy Coverage Level) X Expected Crop Value where the Expected Crop Value is: (APH yield X price election)

SCO for FLGP-county producers

New York state grape producers have the option of purchasing the SCO endorsement for an Actual Production History (APH) policy. Like the underlying APH Grape policy, the SCO will also be guaranteeing yield, based on the yield of a larger area. There are varying established prices for grapes covered by SCO, which depend on the variety and SCO area.

FLGP-county Grape SCO Areas

The counties that make up an SCO area can vary greatly across the areas. For example, if county A's SCO area consists of counties A and B, it is does not necessarily mean that county B's SCO area also consists of counties A and B. It is also possible for a county's SCO area to consist of all counties where the crop of interest is insured within the state. RMA's explanation for SCO selection is based on data availability. If vield data are not sufficient for a county, other counties are added to the SCO group to achieve a sufficient yield database.

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The SCO Grape Areas for each FLGP county:

SCO Area	Included Counties		
Ontario	Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Yates		
Schuyler	Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Yates		
Seneca	Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Wayne, Yates		
Steuben	Ontario, Schuyler, Steuben, Yates		
Wayne	Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayn Yates		
Yates	Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Yates		

FLGP-county Grape SCO Expected and Actual Yields (tons/acre)

The SCO endorsement has been available since 2016. The expected and final area yields are shown in the table below as tons/ acre:

Schuyler

Seneca

Ontario

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Exp.	6.30	6.10	6.20
Final	5.70	5.50	5.50
Exp.	6.29	6.14	5.74
Final	7.54	7.35	7.24
Exp.	6.15	5.75	5.77
Final	6.09	5.91	5.76
Exp.	6.15	5.95	5.99
Final	-	-	-
	Steuben	Wayne	Yates
Exp.	6.40	6.10	6.30
Final	5.60	5.50	5.50
Exp.	5.84	6.12	6.29
Final	7.53	7.33	7.33
Exp.	5.87	5.74	5.73
	6.06	5.86	5.86
Final	0.00	0.00	
Exp.	6.07	5.93	5.93
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We see a few instances of final yields falling below expected. However, even in the case of the largest SCO yield shortfall in a FLGP county — Yates county in 2016 — the actual yield equal to $\sim\!87\%$ expected yield was still above the 86% indemnity trigger.

How are the SCO yields calculated?

Final area yields are calculated as the acre-weighted average yield reported by producers who are participating in APH, YP, RP, and RPHPE, as applicable for the crop (only APH for NY grapes). In general, final area yields are calculated based on all yield data received up to a date within 1-2 weeks of May 1st (listed in the AIB SCO Price and Yields tab).

Expected area yields are calculated as a trend yield based on historical data available to RMA.

Reported yields for **all varieties** of grapes are used to determine the area yields.

In all the FLGP SCO areas, the native vs. hybrid acreage reported to RMA is split approximately 50-50. Steuben Co. is a notable exception where Natives make up >55% of reported acreage. (Calculated from RMA—Summary of Business data)

For More Information...

Yields for all SCO areas are published at:

http://cli.re/g3xnQp

A crop insurance agent can provide you with detailed information regarding a policy for your farm. Find a crop insurance agents using the RMA agent locator at:

http://cli.re/gzPVWy

For more NY crop insurance information, visit: www.agriskmanagement.cornell.edu