



Some agricultural insurance models in European countries - Germany -

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Three selected insurance solutions in Germany

- ad-hoc governmental measures when large-scale disasters have occurred;
- partially State-funded Animal Disease Funds;
- private hail insurances.

Funds provided by Germany to affected farmers

- Emergency measure – restrictions on set-aside areas are lifted for feeding purposes;
- Lease extensions or waiver of leases for areas leased from the State;
- Advances or early pay-out of direct payments;
- Early pay-out of compensatory allowance for disadvantaged areas;
- Remission of land tax by the local authorities due to considerable decrease in yield;
- Government subsidies for enterprises at risk of bankruptcy (50% Federal Government, 50% Länder) in the case of national crises.

Animal Disease Funds – Limit of Compensation Rates

Horses	5113 €
Bovine animals	3068 €
Pigs	1278 €
Sheeps	767 €
Goats	307 €
Poultry	51 €
Bee colony	150 €

A long-standing tradition of hail insurances



Total of the overall compensation payments made for hail damage in Germany

2002	119.376.596 €
2001	79.935.663 €
2000	128.015.968 €
1999	87.178.630 €
1998	66.479.897 €
1997	61.137.719 €

Example 1 of hail and yield-loss insurances

(Source: Münchener & Magdeburger insurance company)

Hagel-Classic
Hagel-Super
Hagel-Maxi

Hail-Classic
Hail-Super
Hail-Maxi

Wein-Fix
Wein-Opti
Hopfen-Fix

Wine-Fix
Wine-Opti
Hops-Fix

Elementar-Classic

Elementary-Classic

Example 2 of hail and yield-loss insurances

(Source: R+V insurance company)

private retirement provisions
corporate pension plan
disability insurance
insurance of property
public liability insurance
defence insurance
vehicle insurance
Yield losses insurance (inclusive hail)

Current insurance landscape in Germany

Private insurances
(hail, public liability
insurance,...)

Animal Disease Funds
(farmers, Länder)

National ad-hoc measures
(Länder – Bund – EU)

Arguments against further State participation

- The State already contributes funds to cover for especially severe crises (e.g. floods, aridity); payments can be made ad-hoc, without causing high administrative costs.
- A different solution would cause high administrative expenses.
- State participation would cover the cost of the insurance company's (instead of direct help of the farmers).
- The State is subject to additional expense for damage to uninsured enterprises.
- Sector is accorded the same treatment as other industrial sectors.



Thank you for your attention!