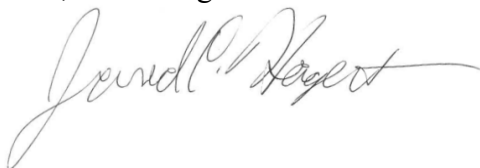


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Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program+ 2-WHIP	Amendment 8
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Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



Amendment Transmittal

A Reasons for Amendment

Subparagraph 3 B has been amended to add the signup deadline.

Paragraphs 35 through 43 have been added for the linkage verification process.

Subparagraph 254 E has been amended to update the number of days a receivable must be paid.

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Part 1 General Information and Administrative Provisions

1 Overview

A Handbook Purpose

This handbook provides procedure for WHIP+ that is implemented by DAFP through the Safety Net Division.

B Related Handbooks

Handbooks related to WHIP+ are listed in this table.

IF the material concerns...	THEN see...
referring possible fraud cases to OIG	9-AO.
State and county organization and administration	16-AO.
outreach	22-AO.
appeals	1-APP.
signatures, powers of attorney, registers, name and address files, controlled substances, deceased individuals, or estates	1-CM.
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issuing payments	1-FI.
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prompt payment interest	61-FI.
assignments and joint payees	63-FI.
NRRS	64-FI.
managing crop acreage data	1-GIS.
providing public information	1-INFO.
NAP-covered crops	1-NAP.
web-based subsidiary files	3-PL (Rev. 2).
payment eligibility, payment limitation, and person determinations	5-PL.
referring FSA/RMA discrepancies and/or potential abuse cases to RMA Regional Offices on AD-2007	4-RM.

2 Authorities

A Statutory Authority

The Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019, Pub. L. 116-20 authorizes the Secretary to implement WHIP+.

B Regulatory Authority

WHIP+ regulations are provided in 7 CFR Part 760, subpart O.

C Limitations

If more than 1 handbook provision appears to apply, the provisions that are the most restrictive on benefits or eligibility apply.

This handbook constitutes FSA's internal operating guidelines issued by DAFP for carrying out WHIP+ regulations. Handbook provisions are considered interpretive of regulations. Whenever an unintended conflict appears to exist between any handbook provision and the pertinent applicable Federal regulations, regulations apply.

3 General Information

A Funding

The Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 provides \$3,005,442,000, which will remain available until expended or December 31, 2020.

B Signup Period

Participant's will file FSA-894 in the administrative County Office responsible for farm
--records beginning September 11, 2019, and ending October 30, 2020.--

Participants will complete FSA-894 according to Exhibit 4.

34 Filing a Notice of Loss

A Requirement to File

Producers must file a Notice of Loss on all crops for which program benefits are being requested.

Producers may file a Notice of Loss for multiple events; however, due to software constraints, producers can only report 1 disaster event per crop. Choose 1 primary disaster event to load and document the additional event(s) in the “Remarks” section of the application.

For uninsured crops, the Notice of Loss will be provided by the producer on the application.

For NAP prevented planting crops, the approved CCC-576 will serve as the notice of loss (items 11-14 on FSA-894 are not required to be completed).

For insured and uninsured prevented planting crops, producers must file a notice of loss and complete items 11-14 on FSA-894.

If a Notice of Loss is on file for a qualifying event, a new Notice of Loss is not required.

IF the producer files a Notice of Loss for a qualifying disaster event and the Notice of Loss is...	AND...	THEN...
approved by RMA or NAP		another Notice of Loss is not required. The approved Notice of Loss will be used for WHIP+.
disapproved by RMA or NAP	and the Notice of Loss was determined to have not adversely affected the crop(s)	the disapproval will also apply for WHIP+.
	and the Notice of Loss was disapproved for any other reason (not due to the disaster event)	a Notice of Loss may be filed in FSA-894, Part A WHIP+ Application. Example: A NAP Notice of Loss for hurricane was disapproved because it was not timely filed. Since the Notice of Loss was disapproved because of timeliness, a Notice of Loss for hurricane may be filed.

***--35 Linkage Verification Policy**

A Overview

This paragraph outlines policy for verifying linkage requirements for producers receiving benefits under WHIP+.

According to 1-WHIP, subparagraph 34 A, linkage for producers who received 2017 WHIP payments for the following will also be verified during this process:

- 2017 Tropical Storm Cindy
- losses of blueberries and peaches because of extreme cold
- 2018 blueberry losses because of extreme cold and hurricanes occurring in calendar year 2017.

B Linkage Requirements

As a condition to receiving WHIP+ benefits, producers were required to purchase crop insurance or obtain NAP coverage, as applicable, for the crop at a coverage level of 60/100 or equivalent for 2 consecutive crop years after the enrollment period ended.

County Offices will consider 2022 and 2023 as the required linkage years when verifying if linkage has been met.

Linkage applies to the producer's interest in the crop in the county that received payments and **does not apply** to trees, bushes, or vines.

IF the crop was...	THEN coverage must have been obtained in the...
an insured crop	physical location county of the crop that received benefits.
a NAP-covered crop	administrative county of the crop that received benefits.

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*--35 Linkage Verification Policy (Continued)

C Linkage by Pay Group

Linkage is applicable to all crops in the pay group receiving benefits.

For insured crops, the pay group is Physical State, Physical County, Pay Crop Code, or Pay Crop Type.

For NAP-covered crops, the pay group is Administrative State, Administrative County, Pay Crop Code, Pay Crop Type, or Planting Period.

Example: Producer C received WHIP+ benefits on beans (DRK), pay crop 0047, pay crop type 001. Producer C did not plant beans (DRK) in 2022 and 2023 but planted beans (MUN) for the same pay crop code and pay crop type. Although Producer C did not plant beans (DRK), Producer C should have purchased coverage for beans (0047/001) because they planted a crop in the same pay group in 2022 and 2023.

D Linkage Not Required

Linkage is not required for:

- payments for tree, bush, and vine losses
- a person who received benefits on behalf of a deceased producer.

A producer is not required to meet linkage in a required linkage year if any of the following occurred:

- producer did not plant a crop in the pay group

Examples: Producer A received WHIP+ benefits for grape losses. The grapes were destroyed in a wildfire in 2018, and Producer A made a management decision to no longer plant grapes. Since Producer A did not plant the crop in any of the required linkage years, they are not required to meet linkage.

Producer B received WHIP+ benefits on wheat. Producer B planted wheat in 2022 but did not plant wheat in 2023. Producer B purchased a wheat policy with a coverage level of 75/100 in 2022 but did not purchase a crop insurance policy in 2023. Since Producer B did not plant wheat in 2023, insurance was not required for that year. Producer B met the linkage requirement by purchasing the required level of insurance coverage in 2022, which was the only linkage year the crop was planted.

- producer was no longer farming
- entity receiving benefits dissolved completely before that linkage year.--*

***--35 Linkage Verification Policy (Continued)**

E Determinations of Linkage for NAP

FSA will make the linkage determination for NAP crops.

To meet the linkage requirement, the producer must have:

- obtained NAP coverage at 60/100 or higher
- filed an acreage report
- paid the administrative fee and premium.

For producers who obtained NAP coverage, paying a NAP administrative fee alone, without filing an acreage report or paying the premium fee, will not meet the linkage requirement.

Notes: For NAP producers who are unable to meet the growing history requirement, linkage may be met by obtaining basic 50/55 NAP coverage.

Obtaining NAP coverage in a county where crop insurance was available will not meet linkage unless the producer is unable to purchase coverage through RMA because of income limitations.

F Determinations of Linkage for Crop Insurance

RMA will make the determination if linkage has been met for insured crops.

To meet the linkage requirement for insured crops, the producer must have purchased coverage at 60/100 or higher.

Producers may insure crops with a combination of individual crop insurance coverage and supplemental plans of coverage. RMA determinations will consider whether the producer met 60/100 coverage based on the combination of these policies.

Example: Producer D insured a blueberry crop with 50/100 coverage. Producer D added Supplemental Coverage Option to add 36 points of coverage. Producer D also added Hurricane Insurance Program – Wind Index protection for an additional 9 points of coverage, for a total of 95 percent of the crop value. RMA determined that Producer D has met the linkage requirement.--*

*--36 Linkage Reviews

A Linkage Reports

A Tableau Dashboard has been created to help identify potential noncompliance with linkage requirements. Numerous linkage reports can be accessed through the Dashboard. Access to the Dashboard will be provided to designated users in each State.

The linkage reports display the linkage determination based on RMA and NAP data. Although the Dashboard attempts to match data from the WHIP+ application to RMA and NAP coverage information, users must still review the linkage report before accepting the determinations to ensure the data on the WHIP+ application is correct.

B Data Discrepancies

If the linkage determination was based on incorrect WHIP+ data, users must review the WHIP+ application to identify whether the issue resulted from inaccurate application information or a data-entry error. This review will determine whether a new linkage determination is required.

Note: Users are **not** authorized to make edits or corrections to data contained in the WHIP+ software.

If a new RMA linkage determination is required, the corrected data must be submitted through the established “WHIP+ Linkage Re-Determination” process on the [State Office - Disaster Linkage](#) SharePoint site. County Offices will provide the corrected information to the State Office specialist. The State Office is responsible for reviewing the information and entering the corrected data into SharePoint. The National Office will then forward the corrected data to RMA for review and redetermination. After RMA completes the redetermination, the updated linkage information will be returned to the State Office for distribution back to the County Office.

Example: If the linkage report shows linkage was met on an insured crop, but the user entered an incorrect pay crop code and pay crop type, the corrected information must be submitted to the National Office so the linkage review process can be rerun.

If incorrect data was entered in the WHIP+ application and used to make a determination for a NAP crop, the County Office should have the necessary NAP information available to complete a redetermination. These cases should be handled at the County Office level and should not be sent to the National Office.--*

*--36 Linkage Reviews (Continued)

C Completing Linkage Reviews

Linkage reviews will be completed using the linkage reports on the Dashboard as a basis for their determination. After completing the reviews, users will enter the linkage determinations in the WHIP+ software in accordance with paragraph 42 and notify producers as outlined in paragraph 43.

Notes: For cases where a determination could not be made because of incorrect data entered in the WHIP+ software, the corrected data elements must be submitted to the National Office according to subparagraph B. The National Office will reprocess the linkage determination through the RMA process, as applicable, for the crop to update the linkage determination based on the correct data.

Linkage reviews for producers who received 2017 WHIP payments for the following must be completed according to 1-WHIP:

- 2017 Tropical Storm Cindy
- losses of blueberries and peaches due to extreme cold in calendar year 2017
- 2018 blueberry losses because of extreme cold and hurricanes occurring in calendar year 2017.

The deadline to complete and record all WHIP+ linkage determinations for all producers who received WHIP+ benefits is **Friday, September 25, 2026**. Linkage reviews for producers who received 2017 WHIP payments for Tropical Storm Cindy, blueberry and peach losses caused by extreme cold, or 2018 blueberry losses caused by extreme cold and 2017 hurricanes must also have linkage determinations completed and recorded for all applicable producers by the established deadline.--*

*--37 Accessing and Navigating Linkage Dashboard

A Accessing Linkage Dashboard

Designated users can access the Linkage Dashboard from the FSA Applications Page. To navigate to the Dashboard, select “Dashboards - FSA Landing Page” to open the FSA Landing Page.



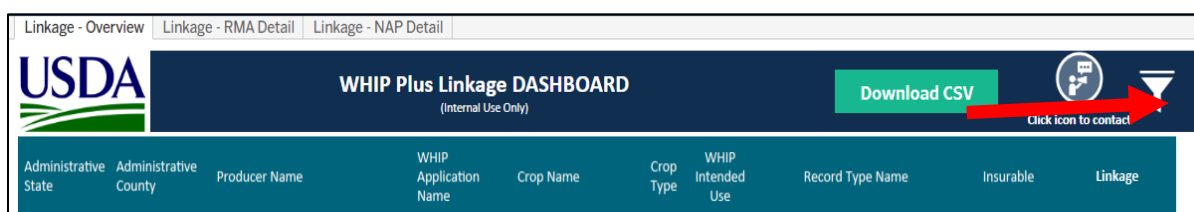
From the FSA Landing Page, search for “Linkage”.

Note: State Offices will determine how linkage reviews will be completed in cases where the County Office does not have staff with access to the WHIP+ software or dashboards.

B Filtering Records

Users can filter reports to display records based on a preferred criterion, such as a specific administrative State and county, by clicking the filter icon as follows.

Once filtered on 1 tab, the Dashboard will retain the filter for all other tabs.

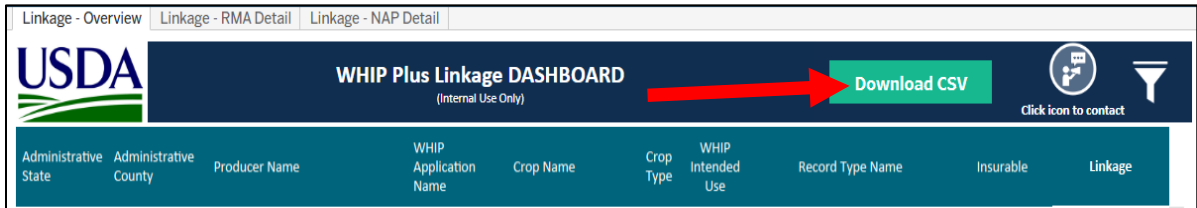


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*--37 Accessing and Navigating Linkage Dashboard (Continued)

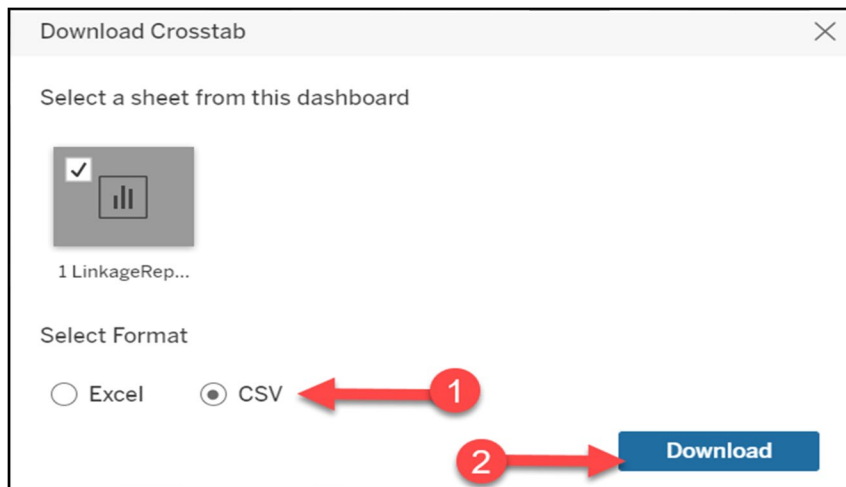
C Downloading, Printing, and Saving Reports

By clicking the “Download CSV” button, the data may be exported to a CSV file and saved as an Excel workbook to further analyze the information or create additional reports.



The following information box will display requiring the user to select “CSV” and CLICK “Download”.

Note: Do not select “Excel” because the report will display without column headers.

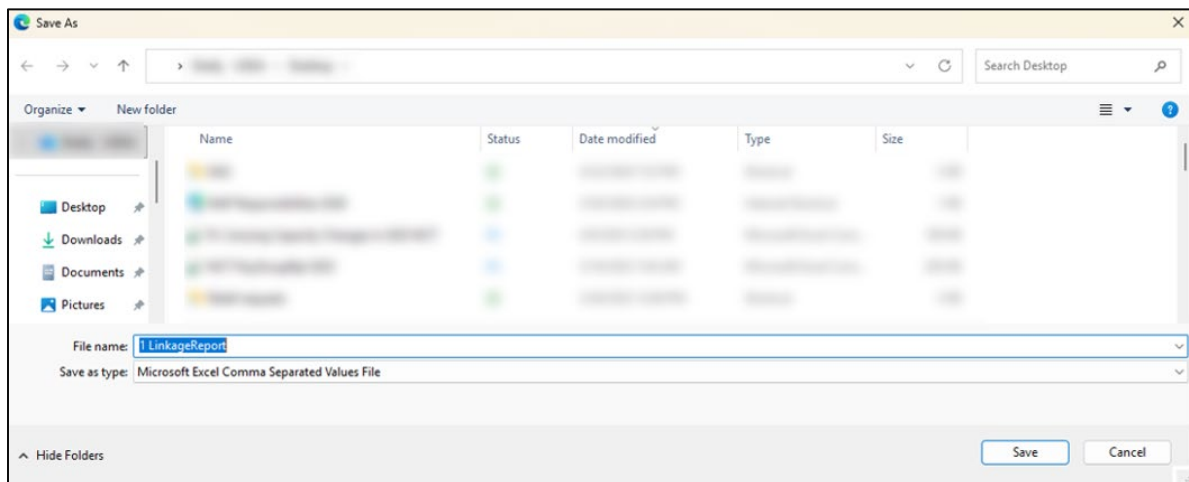


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*--37 Accessing and Navigating Linkage Dashboard (Continued)

C Downloading, Printing, and Saving Reports (Continued)

To save the report to a designated drive, users must select “Save As” and “Excel Workbook” as follows.



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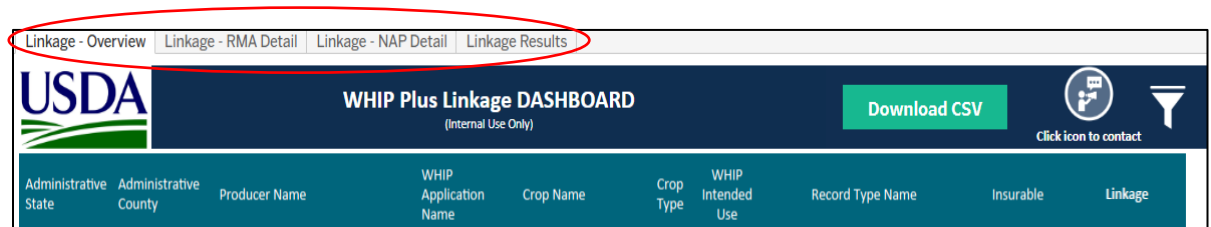
***--38 Reports Within the Linkage Dashboard**

A Linkage Reports

The Linkage Dashboard includes the following tabs:

- **“Linkage – Overview”** displays the overall determination for a pay group
- **“Linkage - RMA Detail”** displays data associated to the WHIP+ application and corresponding RMA data
- **“Linkage - NAP Detail”** displays data associated to the WHIP+ application and NAP data
- **“Linkage Results”** displays a chart summarizing the linkage determinations.

Users can click on the specific tab to view or print the information in each tab.



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*--38 Reports Within the Linkage Dashboard (Continued)

B Example of Linkage - Overview Tab

The Linkage - Overview tab will display all producers who received WHIP+ benefits and the overall linkage determination for the crop.

Linkage - Overview Linkage - RMA Detail Linkage - NAP Detail Linkage Results WHIP Plus Linkage DASHBOARD (Internal Use Only) Download CSV Click icon to contact									
Administrative State	Administrative County	Producer Name	WHIP Application Name	Crop Name	Crop Type	WHIP Intended Use	Record Type Name	Insurable	Linkage
Alabama	Autauga		W+A-00307229	GREENS	COL	Fresh	Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No	NO
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00179995	COTTON, UPLAND	TUR	Fresh	Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No	NO
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00070966	COTTON, UPLAND	Null		Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No NCT Match	YES
				PEANUTS	RUN	Nut Pea..	Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	Yes	NO
				POTATOES	IRS	Fresh	Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No NCT Match	YES
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00100903	COTTON, UPLAND	Null		Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No NCT Match	YES
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00181041	COTTON, UPLAND	Null		Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No NCT Match	NO
				PEANUTS	RUN	Nut Pea..	Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	Yes	NO
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00101357	COTTON, UPLAND	Null		Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No NCT Match	NO
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00180045	COTTON, UPLAND	Null		Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No NCT Match	YES
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00185122	COTTON, UPLAND	Null		Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No NCT Match	NO
				PEANUTS	RUN	Nut Pea..	Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	Yes	NO
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00100575	PEANUTS	RUN	Nut Pea..	Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	Yes	NO
				SOYBEANS	COM	Grain	Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	Yes	NO
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00098629	PEANUTS	RUN	Nut Pea..	Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	Yes	UNDETERMINED
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00181071	COTTON, UPLAND	Null		Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No NCT Match	NO
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00068746	SOYBEANS	COM	Grain	Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	Yes	YES
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00181107	COTTON, UPLAND	Null		Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No NCT Match	YES
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00176005	COTTON, UPLAND	Null		Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No NCT Match	NO
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00065472	COTTON, UPLAND	Null		Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No NCT Match	NO
				PEANUTS	RUN	Nut Pea..	Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	Yes	NO
			W+A-00137133	WHEAT	SRW	Grain	Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No NCT Match	NO
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00144309	COTTON, UPLAND	Null		Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No NCT Match	NO
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00069721	COTTON, UPLAND	Null		Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No NCT Match	YES
				PEANUTS	RUN	Nut Pea..	Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	Yes	NO
Alabama	Baldwin		W+A-00056742	COTTON, UPLAND	Null		Production Loss Locked-WHIP+	No NCT Match	YES

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*--38 Reports Within the Linkage Dashboard (Continued)

C Data Elements in Linkage - Overview Tab

The following are data elements in the Linkage - Overview tab.

Data Element	Description
Administrative State	Administrative State where the WHIP+ application was filed.
Administrative County	Administrative county where the WHIP+ application was filed.
Producer Name	Producer name.
WHIP Application Name	WHIP+ application number.
Crop Name	Crop name entered in the WHIP+ software.
Crop Type	Crop type entered in the WHIP+ software.
WHIP Intended Use	IU entered in the WHIP+ software.
Record Type Name	Record type for the crop. The report will display 1 of the following: • Production Loss • Value Loss.
Insurable	NCT crop insurability status. The report will display 1 of the following: • Yes • No • No NCT Match.
Linkage	Overall linkage determination for the pay group. The report will display 1 of the following: • YES • NO • UNDETERMINED. Users can hover over or click on the “Linkage” column to display the Linkage Toolbox. The Linkage Toolbox will show a summary of NAP and RMA coverage data. Notes: Not all coverage data used to make the linkage determination will be visible in the Linkage Toolbox. Best practice is to view the data using the RMA Detail and NAP Detail tabs. Data elements displayed in the Linkage Toolbox are explained in detail in the RMA Detail and NAP Detail tabs.

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*--38 Reports Within the Linkage Dashboard (Continued)

C Data Elements in Linkage - Overview Tab (Continued)

The following is an example of the Linkage Toolbox when hovering or clicking on the “Linkage” column.

WHIP+ Information:

Admin State/County: Nebraska / Adams

Physical State/County: 31- 001

Producer:

Application ID: W+A-00278838

Crop/Type/Use/PP: CORN (0041) / YEL / Grain / 01

WHIP Pay Group: 0041 - 011

Acres: 90

Linkage Determination : YES

NCT Information:

Insurable:

Pay Crop/Type: / ?

NAP Coverage Information:

NAP Receivable Information:

RMA Coverage Information:

RMA Year	Rma Commodity	Rma Type	Crop or Tree	Tree Policy Available	Entity Type	Rma Quantity	RMA Coverage	RMA Location State-County	
2021	Corn	Grain	Crop		Corporation	90.0	80%	NE-Adams	✓
2022	Corn	Grain	Crop		Corporation	122.1	79%	NE-Adams	✓
2023	Corn	Grain	Crop		Corporation	117.1	79%	NE-Adams	✓

Note: If users download the Linkage - Overview Report to a CSV document, additional columns not listed in the table in this subparagraph will be displayed in the spreadsheet. These data elements are displayed because of limitations in the Dashboard and **do not** need to be reviewed. Users can review detailed coverage information in the RMA Detail and NAP Detail tabs.--*

*--39 Linkage - RMA Detail Tab

A Example of Linkage - RMA Detail Tab

The Linkage - RMA Detail tab provides the WHIP+ application information and RMA data used to verify linkage.

Linkage - Overview Linkage - RMA Detail Linkage - NAP Detail Linkage Results											
		WHIP Plus Linkage - RMA Detail DASHBOARD (Internal Use Only)						Download CSV		 Click icon to contact	
Administrative State	Administrative County	Producer Name	WHIP Application Name	Crop Name	Crop Type	WHIP Intended Use	Record Type Name	Pay Crop Code	Pay Type Code	Linkage (By Year)	Physical State C
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-002787..	SOYBEANS	COM	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0081	011	NO	31
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-002786..	SOYBEANS	COM	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0081	011	NO	31
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-002490..	CORN	WHE	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0041	001	NO	31
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-002490..	CORN	WHE	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0041	001	NO	31
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-002490..	CORN	WHE	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0041	001	NO	31
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-002490..	CORN	WHE	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0041	001	NO	31
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-002490..	CORN	WHE	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0041	001	NO	31
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-002490..	SOYBEANS	COM	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0081	001	NO	31
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-002788..	CORN	YEL	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0041	011	YES	31
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-002788..	CORN	YEL	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0041	011	YES	31
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Nebraska	Adams		W+A-002385..	CORN	YEL	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0041	001	NO	31
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-002385..	SOYBEANS	COM	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0081	001	NO	31
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-001699..	CORN	YEL	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0041	001	NO	31
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-001699..	SOYBEANS	COM	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0081	001	NO	31
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-003303..	CORN	YEL	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0041	011	NO	31
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-003753..	CORN	YEL	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0041	011	NO	31
Nebraska	Adams		W+A-003753..	CORN	YEL	Grain	Production Loss Lock..	0041	011	NO	31

Note: Use the Dashboard scroll bars to see all the data, as it does not fit on the entire screen.

The following are data elements in the Linkage - RMA Detail tab.

Data Element	Description	Additional Information
WHIP+ Application Data		
Administrative State	Administrative State where the WHIP+ application was filed.	Informational purposes only.
Administrative County	Administrative county where the WHIP+ application was filed.	Informational purposes only.
Producer Name	Producer name.	Informational purposes only.
WHIP Application Name	WHIP+ application number.	Informational purposes only.
Crop Name	Crop name entered in the WHIP+ software.	Informational purposes only.
Crop Type	Crop type entered in the WHIP+ software.	Informational purposes only.
WHIP Intended Use	IU entered in the WHIP+ software.	Informational purposes only.

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*--39 Linkage - RMA Detail Tab (Continued)

B Data Elements in Linkage - RMA Detail Tab (Continued)

Data Element	Description	Additional Information
Record Type Name	Record type for WHIP+ benefits. Will display 1 of the following as applicable for loss paid: • Production Loss • Value Loss.	Informational purposes only.
Pay Crop Code	Crop code entered in the WHIP+ software.	Pay crop code for the line item.
Pay Type Code	Crop type code entered in the WHIP+ software.	Pay crop type for the line item.
Linkage (By Year)	Linkage determination for the crop. Will display 1 of the following: • Yes • No • Undetermined.	This is the linkage determination shown on the Linkage - Overview tab.
Physical State Code	Physical State code entered in the WHIP+ software.	Informational purposes only.
Physical County Code	Physical county code entered in the WHIP+ software.	Informational purposes only.
WHIP Acres	Acres of the crop paid under WHIP+.	Informational purposes only.
RMA Data		
RMA Commodity	RMA crop name.	Informational purposes only.
RMA Location State	Physical State code RMA used to verify if coverage was obtained.	Used to identify mismatches in physical location.
RMA Location County	Physical county code RMA used to verify if coverage was obtained.	Used to identify mismatches in physical location.

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*--39 Linkage - RMA Detail Tab (Continued)

B Data Elements in Linkage - RMA Detail Tab (Continued)

Data Element	Description	Additional Information
RMA Year	Insurance year.	Will display coverage information for the following: • 2021 • 2022 • 2023. Linkage determinations are made using coverage data for the required linkage years (2022 and 2023). 2021 data is available for review if the producer requests an exception to the linkage years according to paragraph 43.
RMA Coverage	Percentage of coverage purchased as determined by RMA.	If the coverage percentage is displayed as 60 percent or higher, linkage is considered met for the applicable year. Note: RMA considered all primary and supplemental policies when calculating coverage percentage.
RMA Quantity	Acres insured under the applicable policy.	Informational purposes only.
Primary/SBI	Indicates whether the producer was the primary policyholder or SBI. Will display either of the following: • Primary • SBI.	If the producer: • was the primary policyholder, the report will display “Primary” • was not the primary policyholder but had SBI in the insured, they will be listed as “SBI”.
Entity Type	RMA entity type of the insured.	Used to verify whether RMA exemptions in subparagraph 31 F are met according to subparagraph D.

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*--39 Linkage - RMA Detail Tab (Continued)

B Data Elements in Linkage - RMA Detail Tab (Continued)

Data Element	Description	Additional Information
Matching Physical County	Report will display either of the following: • “Match” if the WHIP+ physical county matches the RMA physical location county • “Mismatch” if the WHIP+ physical county does not match the RMA physical location county.	Review the physical location county for all mismatch records according to subparagraph E.

C Insured Crops Linkage (By Year) Indicator

The Linkage (By Year) Indicator will display “Yes”, “No”, or “Undetermined” for each pay group on the report.

Users will follow this table for each linkage determination.

IF the Linkage Indicator displays...	AND...	THEN...
“Yes”	RMA determined the required level of coverage was purchased for the pay group in 2022 and 2023	record the linkage determination in the WHIP+ software according to paragraph 42.
“No”	RMA determined the required level of coverage was not purchased for the pay group in 2022 and 2023	• record the linkage determination in the WHIP+ software according to paragraph 42 • provide notification to the producer according to paragraph 43

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*--39 Linkage - RMA Detail Tab (Continued)

C Insured Crops Linkage (By Year) Indicator (Continued)

IF the Linkage Indicator displays...	AND...	THEN...
"Undetermined"	a linkage determination could not be made by RMA	additional review is required before a linkage determination is entered in the WHIP+ software. For insured crops, "Undetermined" will be displayed for either of the following reasons: - the producer was listed as SBI with an entity type other than: - Spousal/Married - Trust – Revocable - Transfer of Right to Indemnity (SBI Only) - the RMA physical location State or county did not match the physical location State or county loaded in the WHIP+ software. See subparagraphs D and E for records listed as "Undetermined".

D Undetermined Because of SBI

If RMA records indicate linkage could not be determined because the producer is an SBI and not the primary policyholder, a review of the SBI must be completed to determine whether an RMA exemption will apply. RMA exemptions are listed in subparagraph 31 F.

Note: SBI's are recorded at the producer level, not the crop level. An exemption may not apply to all crops. The exemption must apply to the crop that received a WHIP+ payment.

IF it is determined that an RMA exemption...	THEN...
applies	the linkage determination will be updated to "Yes".
does not apply	the linkage determination will be updated to "No".

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*--39 Linkage - RMA Detail Tab (Continued)

D Undetermined Because of SBI (Continued)

Example: Producer A is listed on the Linkage - Overview Report with the required level of coverage in 2022 and 2023 (shown in the Linkage Toolbox) but has a determination of “Undetermined” because Producer A is an SBI to the insured with an entity type of Individual.

RMA Year	RMA Coverage	Rma Quantity	Primary/SBI	Entity Type
2021	75%		SBI	Individuals
2022	75%		SBI	Individuals
2023	75%	279.72	SBI	Individuals

If there is no clear exemption applicable to an individual SBI type in subparagraph 31 F, the user will update the linkage determination to “No”.

E Undetermined Because of Physical Location

If the physical location State or county entered in the WHIP+ software does not match the RMA physical location State or county, users will review the WHIP Information Report to determine whether the physical location State or county RMA verified for linkage is correct.

IF, after comparing the physical location State or county, the RMA physical location State or county...	THEN the user...
matches what should have originally been entered on the WHIP+ application	will update the linkage determination to “Yes”.
does not match what should have originally been entered on the WHIP+ application	will update the linkage determination to “No”.

Example: Producer B is listed on the Linkage - Overview Report with a determination of “Undetermined”. The RMA Detail Report showed a mismatch in the physical location county. The RMA physical location State and county where insurance was purchased was Appling County, Georgia (State Code 13, County Code 1). The physical location State was entered incorrectly in the WHIP+ software and the physical location county entered was inconsistent with RMA’s physical location county.

Over All Linkage	Physical State Name/ Code	Physical County Name/ Code	Physical County Check	WHIP Acres	RMA Commodity	RMA Location State	RMA Location County
UNDETERMINED	G		Mismatch	9.07	Peanuts	13	1
UNDETERMINED	G		Mismatch	9.07	Peanuts	13	1
UNDETERMINED	G		Mismatch	9.07	Peanuts	13	1

The user must review the WHIP Information Report to verify the correct WHIP+ physical location State and county. If the correct county is Appling County, Georgia (State Code 13/County Code 1), the user will update the linkage determination to “Yes”.--*

*--40 **Linkage - NAP Detail Tab****A Example of Linkage - NAP Detail Tab**

The Linkage - NAP Detail tab displays information from both the WHIP+ application and the NAP software. It includes NAP Coverage Information, which provides key data related to the producer's NAP coverage.

Linkage - Overview

Linkage - RMA Detail

Linkage - NAP Detail

Linkage Results

WHIP Plus Linkage - NAP Detail DASHBOARD

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NAP Coverage Information

Administrative State	Administrative County	Producer Name	WHIP Application Name	Crop Name	Crop Type	WHIP Intended Use	Record Type Name	Insurable Indicator	Linkage (By Year)
Nebraska	Box Butte		W+A-002353..	PEAS	BLE	Dry Edible	Production Loss..	N	YES
Nebraska	Box Butte		W+A-002353..	PEAS	BLE	Dry Edible	Production Loss..	N	YES
Nebraska	Box Butte		W+A-001284..	BEANS	GAR	Dry Edible	Production Loss..	N	NO
Nebraska	Box Butte		W+A-001284..	BEANS	GAR	Dry Edible	Production Loss..	N	NO
Nebraska	Box Butte		W+A-001284..	PEAS	BLE	Dry Edible	Production Loss..	N	YES
Nebraska	Box Butte		W+A-001284..	PEAS	BLE	Dry Edible	Production Loss..	N	YES
Nebraska	Box Butte		W+A-002458..	BEANS	GAR	Dry Edible	Production Loss..	N	NO
Nebraska	Buffalo		W+A-003786..	GRASS	BLK	Sod	Value Loss Lock..	N	NO
Nebraska	Buffalo		W+A-003786..	GRASS	BLK	Sod	Value Loss Lock..	N	NO
Nebraska	Buffalo		W+A-003786..	GRASS	BLK	Sod	Value Loss Lock..	N	NO
Nebraska	Buffalo		W+A-003786..	GRASS	BLK	Sod	Value Loss Lock..	N	NO
Nebraska	Chase		W+A-001674..	PEAS	BLE	Dry Edible	Production Loss..	N	NO
Nebraska	Chase		W+A-001680..	PEAS	BLE	Dry Edible	Production Loss..	N	NO

B Data Elements in Linkage - NAP Detail Tab

The following are data elements in the Linkage - NAP Detail tab.

Data Element	Description	Action
NAP Coverage Information		
Administrative State	Administrative State where the WHIP+ application was filed.	Data element used in determining pay group.
Administrative County	Administrative county where the WHIP+ application was filed.	Data element used in determining pay group.
Producer Name	Producer name.	Informational purposes only.
WHIP Application Name	WHIP+ application number.	Informational purposes only.
Crop Name	Crop data for which benefits were received.	Data element used in determining pay group.
Crop Type	Crop type entered in the WHIP+ software.	Data element used in determining pay group.
WHIP Intended Use	IU entered in the WHIP+ software.	Data element used in determining pay group.

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*--40 Linkage - NAP Detail Tab (Continued)

B Data Elements in Linkage - NAP Detail Tab (Continued)

Data Element	Description	Action
NAP Coverage Information		
Record Type Name	Will display 1 of the following as applicable for loss paid: • Production Loss • Value Loss.	Informational purposes only.
Insurable Indicator	NCT crop insurability status.	If the crop is insurable and NAP coverage was obtained, the linkage requirement is not met.
Linkage (By Year)	Overall linkage determination for the pay group. Will display 1 of the following: • Yes • No • Undetermined.	See subparagraph C for necessary actions.
Pay Crop Code	NCT pay crop code.	Data element used in determining pay group.
Pay Type Code	NCT pay type codes.	Data element used in determining pay group.
Program Year	NAP crop year.	Will display coverage information for the following: • 2021 • 2022 • 2023. Linkage determinations are made using coverage data for the required linkage years (2022 and 2023). 2021 data is available for review to determine whether an exception for the linkage years applies according to paragraph 43.

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*--40 Linkage - NAP Detail Tab (Continued)

B Data Elements in Linkage - NAP Detail Tab (Continued)

Data Element	Description	Action
NAP Coverage Information		
Coverage	NAP coverage level.	Informational purposes only.
Crop Name	NAP crop information from CCC-471.	Informational purposes only.
Crop Type	NAP crop information from CCC-471.	Informational purposes only.
Intended Use	NAP crop information from CCC-471.	Informational purposes only.
Practice	Practice from NAP summary of coverage.	Informational purposes only.
Organic/Native Sod	Organic or native sod indicator from NAP summary of coverage.	Informational purposes only.
Eligible Planted Acreage	NAP-eligible acreage from NAP summary of coverage are provided to confirm linkage was met for all crops in the pay group.	Informational purposes only.
Eligible Prevented Acreage	Eligible prevented planted acreage from NAP summary of coverage.	Informational purposes only.
Approved Yield	APH for the applicable crop year.	Informational purposes only.
Premium	Billed premium amount for the applicable crop year.	Informational purposes only.

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*--40 **Linkage - NAP Detail Tab (Continued)****C Linkage Indicator**

The Linkage Indicator will display “**Yes**” or “**No**” for each crop, type, IU, and planting period on the report. If the data from the WHIP+ software is incorrect, users will submit the corrected data to the National Office before the linkage determination is made. Modifying WHIP+ application data, other than the linkage determination, is not authorized.

IF the Linkage Indicator displays...	AND...	THEN...
“Yes”	FSA records indicate the required level of coverage was obtained for the crop in 2022 and 2023 and the premium was paid for the 2022, 2023, and previous years	after verifying data from the WHIP+ software was correct according to paragraph 42, update the WHIP+ linkage flag to “Yes” for the pay group.
“No”	FSA records indicate the required level of coverage was not purchased or the current year premium was not paid for the pay group	• after verifying data from the WHIP+ software was correct according to paragraph 42, update the WHIP+ linkage flag to “No” for the crop • provide notification to the producer according to paragraph 43.

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*--40 Linkage - NAP Detail Tab (Continued)

D Downloading NAP Detail Reports

After filtering the Dashboard data, the user can download the data into a CSV file by clicking the “Download CSV” button. The following information box will display the option to download the NAP Linkage Detail Report, which provides all other NAP data elements included in the linkage determination.

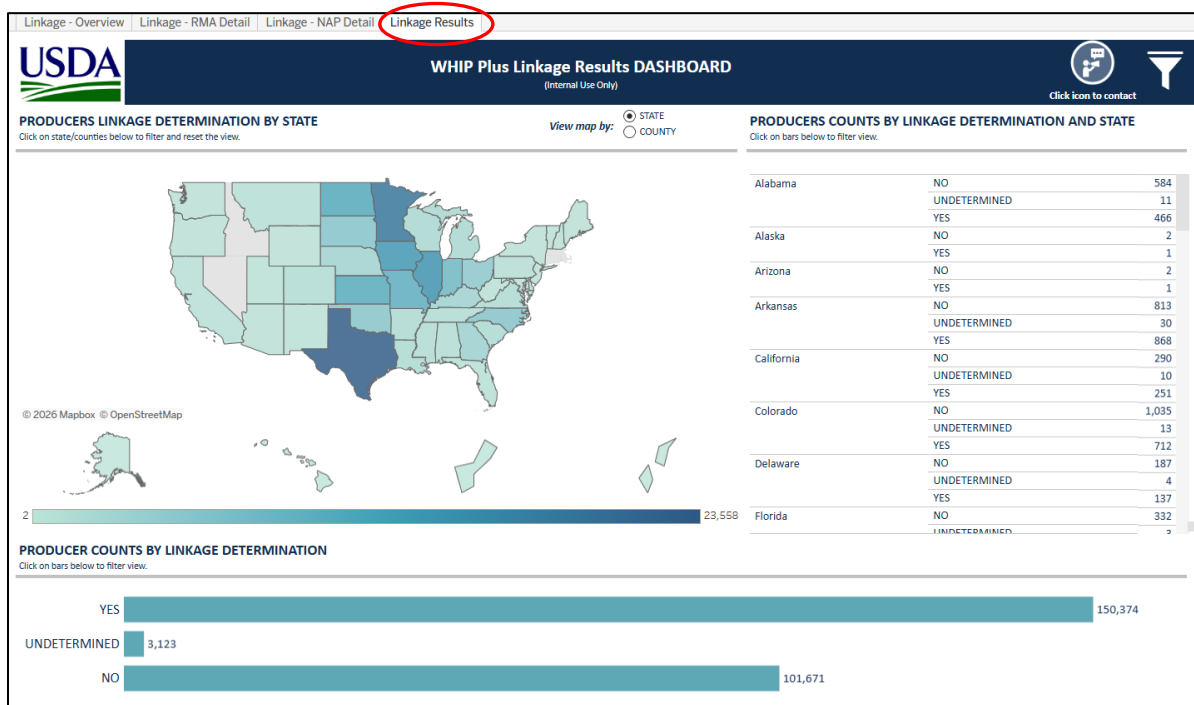
The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Download Crosstab" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Inside the dialog, the text "Select a sheet from this dashboard" is displayed. Below this text are two sheet selection cards. The first card, labeled "NAP Detail Re...", is highlighted with a blue border and contains a checkmark icon. The second card, labeled "NAP Linkage ...", is unselected. A red arrow with the number "1" points to the second card. Below the sheet selection cards is the text "Select Format". Under this text are two radio button options: "Excel" and "CSV". The "CSV" option is selected. A red arrow with the number "2" points to the "CSV" radio button. At the bottom right of the dialog is a blue button labeled "Download". A red arrow with the number "3" points to this button.

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*--41 **Linkage Results Tab**

A Linkage Results

The Linkage Results tab displays producer counts status of “Yes”, “No”, or “Undetermined” by State or county. This is for informational purposes. The results are static and will not change as linkage determinations are entered into the WHIP+ software.



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*--42 Recording Linkage Determinations

A Overview

After users complete linkage reviews, linkage determinations must be recorded in the WHIP+ software.

B Accessing the WHIP+ Software

Users will access the WHIP+ software from the FSA Applications Page.

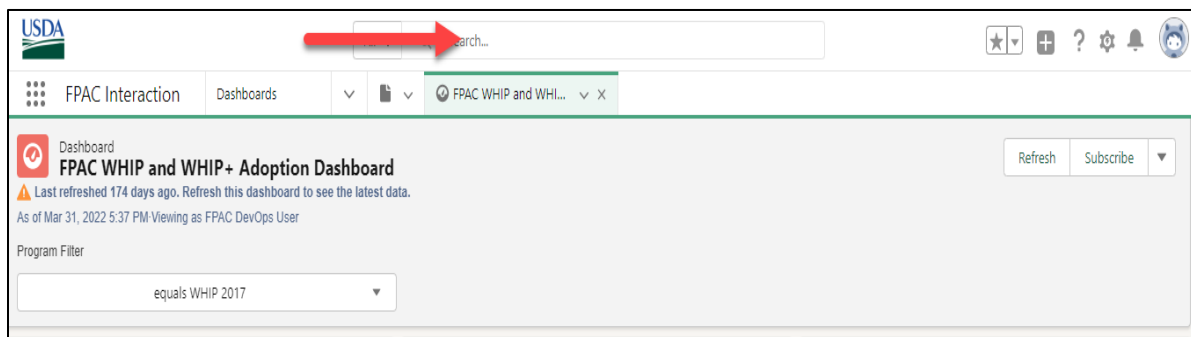


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*--42 Recording Linkage Determinations (Continued)

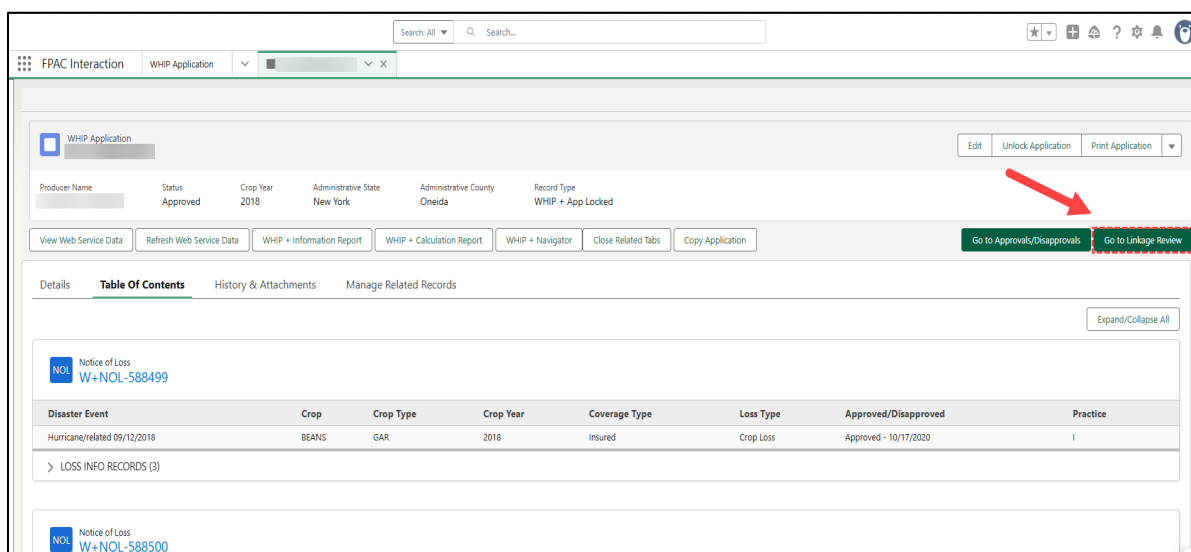
C Accessing the WHIP+ Application

Users will enter the producer's WHIP+ application number using the format "W+A-01234567" (must begin with "W+A-" followed by 8 numerical characters and leading zeroes are required for valid entry) in the search bar to pull up the WHIP+ application. The WHIP+ application will be displayed.



D Recording the Linkage Determination

On the Table of Contents screen for the selected application, CLICK "Go to Linkage Review".



*--42 Recording Linkage Determinations (Continued)

D Recording the Linkage Determination (Continued)

Note: Before linkage determinations are recorded, all pay groups included in the WHIP+ payment issued to the producer must display a status of “Approved” on the Table of Contents screen at the application level. The “Meets Linkage” column will have a status of “Pending Review” as follows.--*

PG Pay Group Records								
Pay Group	Associated Loss Info	Pay Crop Code	Pay Type Code	Coverage Type	Loss Type	Gross Payment	Approved/Disapproved	Meets Linkage
W+PG-1067081	W+LI-01890875 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	Production Loss	\$21,212.00	Approved - 10/17/2020	Pending Review
W+PG-1067082	W+LI-01890877 (BEANS) W+LI-01890876 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	Production Loss	\$8,758.00	Approved - 10/17/2020	Pending Review
W+PG-1067083	W+LI-01890878 (COTTON, UPLAND)	0021	011	Insured	Production Loss	\$7,658.00	Approved - 10/17/2020	Pending Review
W+PG-1067084	W+LI-01890879 (MIXED FORAGE)	0296	001	NAP Coverage	Production Loss	\$1,699.00	Approved - 10/17/2020	Pending Review

The Linkage Review Screen will be displayed.

On the Linkage Review screen, enter the linkage review date that will apply to the selected records. The linkage review date must be the date the County Office completed the linkage review.

Note: The “Yes” and “No” boxes in the “Meets Linkage” column are disabled until a date is entered.

Linkage Review

Select All Records:

☐ All Meets Linkage
 ☐ All No Linkage
 Reset All

Apply Date to Selected Records:

PG Approved Pay Group(s)

Pay Group	Associated Loss Info	Pay Crop Code	Pay Type Code	Coverage Type	Gross Payment	Meets Linkage	Review Date
W+PG-1067081	W+LI-01890875 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	\$ 21,212.00	☐ YES ☐ NO	<button>Reset</button>
W+PG-1067082	W+LI-01890877 (BEANS) W+LI-01890876 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	\$ 8,758.00	☐ YES ☐ NO	<button>Reset</button>
W+PG-1067083	W+LI-01890878 (COTTON, UPLAND)	0021	011	Insured	\$ 7,658.00	☐ YES ☐ NO	<button>Reset</button>
W+PG-1067084	W+LI-01890879 (MIXED FORAGE)	0296	001	NAP Coverage	\$ 1,699.00	☐ YES ☐ NO	<button>Reset</button>

Cancel

Save

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*--42 Recording Linkage Determinations (Continued)

D Recording the Linkage Determination (Continued)

Once the linkage review date has been entered, the user can do either of the following:

- enter linkage determinations using the “Select All Records” function if the determination for all records was made on the same date and is the same for all records
- use the individual “Yes” or “No” box for each specific pay group record.

Linkage Review

Select All Records:
☐ All Meets Linkage ☐ All No Linkage

Apply Date to Selected Records: Jun 10, 2026

PG Approved Pay Group(s)

Pay Group	Associated Loss Info	Pay Crop Code	Pay Type Code	Coverage Type	Gross Payment	Meets Linkage	Review Date
W+PG-1067081	W+LI-01890875 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	\$ 21,212.00	☐ YES ☐ NO	Reset
W+PG-1067082	W+LI-01890877 (BEANS) W+LI-01890876 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	\$ 8,758.00	☐ YES ☐ NO	Reset
W+PG-1067083	W+LI-01890878 (COTTON, UPLAND)	0021	011	Insured	\$ 7,658.00	☐ YES ☐ NO	Reset
W+PG-1067084	W+LI-01890879 (MIXED FORAGE)	0296	001	NAP Coverage	\$ 1,699.00	☐ YES ☐ NO	Reset

In the following example, the user has selected “All Meets Linkage” in the “Select All Records” function, which populates the following for all WHIP+ pay groups:

- the “Yes” box
- the selected determination date for all pay groups.

Linkage Review

Select All Records:
☒ All Meets Linkage ☐ All No Linkage

Apply Date to Selected Records: Jun 10, 2026

PG Approved Pay Group(s)

Pay Group	Associated Loss Info	Pay Crop Code	Pay Type Code	Coverage Type	Gross Payment	Meets Linkage	Review Date
W+PG-1067081	W+LI-01890875 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	\$ 21,212.00	☒ YES ☐ NO	Jun 10, 2026 Reset
W+PG-1067082	W+LI-01890877 (BEANS) W+LI-01890876 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	\$ 8,758.00	☒ YES ☐ NO	Jun 10, 2026 Reset
W+PG-1067083	W+LI-01890878 (COTTON, UPLAND)	0021	011	Insured	\$ 7,658.00	☒ YES ☐ NO	Jun 10, 2026 Reset
W+PG-1067084	W+LI-01890879 (MIXED FORAGE)	0296	001	NAP Coverage	\$ 1,699.00	☒ YES ☐ NO	Jun 10, 2026 Reset

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*--42 Recording Linkage Determinations (Continued)

D Recording the Linkage Determination (Continued)

The user can also indicate linkage was met or not met on an individual WHIP+ pay group basis. In the following example, the user has indicated that the first pay group (W+PG-1067081) was determined to meet linkage. The system automatically populates June 10, 2026, as the review date, pulling that information from the “Apply Date to Selected Records” field.

Linkage Review

Apply Date to Selected Records:*

Select All Records:

☐ All Meets Linkage
 ☐ All No Linkage

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Approved Pay Group(s)

Pay Group	Associated Loss Info	Pay Crop Code	Pay Type Code	Coverage Type	Gross Payment	Meets Linkage		Review Date
W+PG-1067081	W+LI-01890875 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	\$ 21,212.00	☒ YES	☐ NO	Jun 10, 2026 Reset
W+PG-1067082	W+LI-01890877 (BEANS) W+LI-01890876 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	\$ 8,758.00	☐ YES	☐ NO	Reset
W+PG-1067083	W+LI-01890878 (COTTON, UPLAND)	0021	011	Insured	\$ 7,658.00	☐ YES	☐ NO	Reset
W+PG-1067084	W+LI-01890879 (MIXED FORAGE)	0296	001	NAP Coverage	\$ 1,699.00	☐ YES	☐ NO	Reset

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*--42 Recording Linkage Determinations (Continued)

D Recording the Linkage Determination (Continued)

If the linkage review date varies from 1 pay group to the next, the user must:

- enter the review date applicable to a specific pay group or groups and check “Yes” or “No” for all pay groups determined on that date
- change the “Apply Date to Selected Records” field to the next review date and check “Yes” or “No” for the additional pay group records where linkage was reviewed on the newly populated date.

Note: In the following example, the user changed the review date to June 8, 2026, for the remaining 3 pay groups from the previous screen and indicated that W+PG-1067082 and W+PG-1067084 met linkage while W+PG-1067083 did not meet linkage.

Linkage Review

Apply Date to Selected Records:*

Jun 8, 2026

Select All Records:

☐ All Meets Linkage
 ☐ All No Linkage

Reset All

PG Approved Pay Group(s)

Pay Group	Associated Loss Info	Pay Crop Code	Pay Type Code	Coverage Type	Gross Payment	Meets Linkage		Review Date	
W+PG-1067081	W+LI-01890875 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	\$ 21,212.00	☒ YES	☐ NO	Jun 10, 2026	Reset
W+PG-1067082	W+LI-01890877 (BEANS) W+LI-01890876 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	\$ 8,758.00	☒ YES	☐ NO	Jun 8, 2026	Reset
W+PG-1067083	W+LI-01890878 (COTTON, UPLAND)	0021	011	Insured	\$ 7,658.00	☐ YES	☒ NO	Jun 8, 2026	Reset
W+PG-1067084	W+LI-01890879 (MIXED FORAGE)	0296	001	NAP Coverage	\$ 1,699.00	☒ YES	☐ NO	Jun 8, 2026	Reset

Cancel

Save

Once a determination has been entered for 1 or more records, the determination is set for that record. If the user wants to change the determination for a specific record, they must **CLICK** “Reset” for that record row. The “Reset” button at the right end of any given row removes both the determination and review date for that record.

The “Reset All” button in the “Select All Records” function clears out both the determination and review date for all pay groups at once.

*--42 Recording Linkage Determinations (Continued)

D Recording the Linkage Determination (Continued)

Note: In the following screen, the user has clicked “Reset” for just W+PG-1067084.--*

Linkage Review

Apply Date to Selected Records: Jun 8, 2026

Select All Records:
☐ All Meets Linkage ☐ All No Linkage

Approved Pay Group(s)

Pay Group	Associated Loss Info	Pay Crop Code	Pay Type Code	Coverage Type	Gross Payment	Meets Linkage	Review Date	
W+PG-1067081	W+LI-01890875 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	\$ 21,212.00	☒ YES ☐ NO	Jun 10, 2026	Reset
W+PG-1067082	W+LI-01890877 (BEANS) W+LI-01890876 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	\$ 8,758.00	☒ YES ☐ NO	Jun 8, 2026	Reset
W+PG-1067083	W+LI-01890878 (COTTON, UPLAND)	0021	011	Insured	\$ 7,658.00	☐ YES ☒ NO	Jun 8, 2026	Reset
W+PG-1067084	W+LI-01890879 (MIXED FORAGE)	0296	001	NAP Coverage	\$ 1,699.00	☒ YES ☐ NO	Jun 8, 2026	Reset

The user can CLICK “Save” without entering linkage data for all pay groups.

Example: The user has data for 1 or more pay groups but is waiting for data on 1 or pay groups.

When the user saves without entering linkage data for all pay groups, the overall status of the WHIP+ application will remain “Approved” because the WHIP+ linkage review is still incomplete for the application.

When linkage information has been saved for some records, the user may return to the application later to enter linkage review information for any remaining undetermined pay groups. The “All Meets Linkage” and “All No Linkage” options apply only to records that remain undetermined and will not change any records for which linkage determinations and dates have already been saved.

*--42 Recording Linkage Determinations (Continued)

D Recording the Linkage Determination (Continued)

Notes: In the previous example, if the user changes the determination date to June 5, 2026, and selects “All Meets Linkage”, only W+PG-1067084 will be updated since it was the only record without a “Meets Linkage” determination. The other 3 pay groups that already had determinations are not affected by the “Select All Records” action since they already have their determinations saved. This is best illustrated in the following example by pay group W+PG-1067083, where the date remains June 8, 2026, and the “Meets Linkage” answer remains “No”.--*

Pay groups with unsaved determinations (including “Reset” pay groups) will have the unsaved determinations that display on the screen replaced when the “Select All Records” option is used.

Linkage Review

Apply Date to Selected Records: Jun 5, 2026

Select All Records:
☒ All Meets Linkage ☐ All No Linkage Reset All

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Approved Pay Group(s)

Pay Group	Associated Loss Info	Pay Crop Code	Pay Type Code	Coverage Type	Gross Payment	Meets Linkage		Review Date	
W+PG-1067081	W+LI-01890875 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	\$ 21,212.00	☒ YES	☐ NO	Jun 10, 2026	Reset
W+PG-1067082	W+LI-01890877 (BEANS) W+LI-01890876 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	\$ 8,758.00	☒ YES	☐ NO	Jun 8, 2026	Reset
W+PG-1067083	W+LI-01890878 (COTTON, UPLAND)	0021	011	Insured	\$ 7,658.00	☐ YES	☒ NO	Jun 8, 2026	Reset
W+PG-1067084	W+LI-01890879 (MIXED FORAGE)	0296	001	NAP Coverage	\$ 1,699.00	☒ YES	☐ NO	Jun 5, 2026	Reset

Cancel
Save

When linkage determinations have been entered for all WHIP+ pay groups on the application, CLICK “Save”. The application status will automatically update to “Approved”. Because WHIP+ is integrated with the payment process, no further action is required. The application remains approved since entering a “linkage not met” determination for a pay group is not a disapproval. The pay group continues to be approved; however, it does not meet linkage. As a result, the approved payment amount for that pay group is reduced to zero, and a pending overpayment is created for any payment previously issued for the pay group.--*

*--42 Recording Linkage Determinations (Continued)

D Recording the Linkage Determination (Continued)

On the Table of Contents screen, updated pay group statuses, linkage determinations, and linkage determination dates are displayed for each pay group as follows.

Pay Group	Associated Loss Info	Pay Crop Code	Pay Type Code	Coverage Type	Loss Type	Gross Payment	Approved/Disapproved	Meets Linkage
W+PG-1067081	W+LI-01890875 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	Production Loss	\$21,212.00	Approved - 10/17/2020	YES - 06/10/2026
W+PG-1067082	W+LI-01890877 (BEANS)	0047	011	Insured	Production Loss	\$8,758.00	Approved - 10/17/2020	YES - 06/08/2026
W+PG-1067083	W+LI-01890878 (COTTON, UPLAND)	0021	011	Insured	Production Loss	\$7,658.00	Approved No Linkage - 10/17/2020	NO - 06/08/2026
W+PG-1067084	W+LI-01890879 (MIXED FORAGE)	0296	001	NAP Coverage	Production Loss	\$1,699.00	Approved - 10/17/2020	YES - 06/05/2026

Note: The status of pay group W+PG-1067083 now shows as “Approved No Linkage”. The approval date for the pay group still displays as 10/17/2020, the date the pay group was originally approved. The pay group remains approved, but linkage is not met. The gross payment amount remains as the calculated amount of \$7,658.00.

An updated “WHIP+ Calculation Report” displays the changed “Calculated Payment” for the approved pay groups. The difference between the “All Payment Groups Calculated Payment” of \$39,327.00 and the “Approved Payment Groups Calculated Payment” of \$31,669.00 is the \$7,658.00 payment that was originally paid for pay group W+PG1067083 that is no longer considered earned.--*

*--42 Recording Linkage Determinations (Continued)

D Recording the Linkage Determination (Continued)

The following Estimated Calculated Payment Report reflects the updated WHIP+ payment calculation based on approved pay groups.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency															
WILDFIRES AND HURRICANES INDEMNITY PROGRAM (WHIP+)															
Estimated Calculated Payment Report															
Producer's Name		Producer's Address (City, State and Zip Code)			Admin State Name & Code / County Name & Code New York & 36 / Oneida & 065			Crop Year: 2018		WHIP+ Application:		WHIP+ Application Status: Approved			
PAY GROUP 1															
Physical State Code/Physical County Code (Insured Only)				Pay Group Approval Status		Unit		Coverage Type		Pay Crop Code		Pay Type Code		Planting Period	
36/065				Approved		OU-00010005		Insured		0047		011		01	
PRODUCTION LOSS CALCULATION:															
Crop	Crop Type	Stage	Intended Use	Practice	Organic Status	Native Sod	Crushing District	Acres	Unit of Measure	Yield	Price	Guarantee Adj Factor	Expected Value		
BEANS	GAR	H	Dry Edible	I	C	No		15.0000	LBS	1,000.00	\$2.1500	100.00%	\$32,250.00		
Continued---- PRODUCTION LOSS CALCULATION:															
Coverage Level	Price Election	WHIP Factor	WHIP Value	Production to Count	Actual Value	Share	Payment Factor	Indemnity or NAP Payment	Secondary Use or Salvage Value	Calculated Payment					
80.00%	100.00%	95.00%	\$30,637.50	1,500	\$3,225.00	100.00%	100.00%	\$6,201	\$0	\$21,212					
Pay Group 1 Total : \$212,12.00															
PAY GROUP 2															
Physical State Code/Physical County Code (Insured Only)				Pay Group Approval Status		Unit		Coverage Type		Pay Crop Code		Pay Type Code		Planting Period	
36/065				Approved		OU-00010002		Insured		0047		011		01	
PRODUCTION LOSS CALCULATION:															
Crop	Crop Type	Stage	Intended Use	Practice	Organic Status	Native Sod	Crushing District	Acres	Unit of Measure	Yield	Price	Guarantee Adj Factor	Expected Value		
BEANS	GAR	H	Dry Edible	I	C	No		5.0000	LBS	950.00	\$2.1500	100.00%	\$10,212.50		
BEANS	GAR	H	Dry Edible	I	C	No		5.0000	LBS	950.00	\$2.1500	100.00%	\$10,212.50		
Continued---- PRODUCTION LOSS CALCULATION:															
Coverage Level	Price Election	WHIP Factor	WHIP Value	Production to Count	Actual Value	Share	Payment Factor	Indemnity or NAP Payment	Secondary Use or Salvage Value	Calculated Payment					
80.00%	100.00%	95.00%	\$9,701.88	1,750	\$3,762.50	100.00%	100.00%	\$1,211	\$0	\$4,728					
80.00%	100.00%	95.00%	\$9,701.88	2,100	\$4,515.00	100.00%	100.00%	\$1,157	\$0	\$4,030					
Pay Group 2 Total : \$8758.00															
PAY GROUP 3															
Physical State Code/Physical County Code (Insured Only)				Pay Group Approval Status		Unit		Coverage Type		Pay Crop Code		Pay Type Code		Planting Period	
36/065				Approved No Linkage		OU-00010005		Insured		0021		011		01	
PRODUCTION LOSS CALCULATION:															
Crop	Crop Type	Stage	Intended Use	Practice	Organic Status	Native Sod	Crushing District	Acres	Unit of Measure	Yield	Price	Guarantee Adj Factor	Expected Value		
COTTON, UPLAND		H		N	C	No		104.0000	LBS	547.00	\$0.7700	100.00%	\$43,803.76		
Continued---- PRODUCTION LOSS CALCULATION:															
Coverage Level	Price Election	WHIP Factor	WHIP Value	Production to Count	Actual Value	Share	Payment Factor	Indemnity or NAP Payment	Secondary Use or Salvage Value	Calculated Payment					
70.00%	100.00%	87.50%	\$38,328.29	14,395	\$11,084.15	100.00%	100.00%	\$19,586	\$0	\$7,658					
Pay Group 3 Total : \$7658.00															
PAY GROUP 4															
Physical State Code/Physical County Code (Insured Only)				Pay Group Approval Status		Unit		Coverage Type		Pay Crop Code		Pay Type Code		Planting Period	
36/065				Approved		000027		NAP Coverage		0296		001		01	
PRODUCTION LOSS CALCULATION:															
Crop	Crop Type	Stage	Intended Use	Practice	Organic Status	Native Sod	Crushing District	Acres	Unit of Measure	Yield	Price	Guarantee Adj Factor	Expected Value		
MIXED FORAGE	AGM	H	Forage	N	C	No		13.3600	TON	4.00	\$75.0000	100.00%	\$4,008.00		
Continued---- PRODUCTION LOSS CALCULATION:															
Coverage Level	Price Election	WHIP Factor	WHIP Value	Production to Count	Actual Value	Share	Payment Factor	Indemnity or NAP Payment	Secondary Use or Salvage Value	Calculated Payment					
65.00%	100.00%	85.00%	\$3,406.80	15	\$1,143.75	100.00%	100.00%	\$564	\$0	\$1,699					
Pay Group 4 Total : \$1699.00															
Pay Group Summary				All Payment Groups Calculated Payment				Approved Payment Groups Calculated Payment							
Production Loss Gross Payment				\$39,327.00				\$31,669.00							
Value Loss Gross Payment				\$0.00				\$0.00							
Trees, Bushes, Vines Loss Gross Payment				\$0.00				\$0.00							
Total Gross WHIP Payment				\$39,327.00				\$31,669.00							

Disclaimer: The payment data reflected on this Estimated Calculated Payment Report includes payment amounts based on program eligibility and may vary due to changes in values used to determine the WHIP+ payment amount, including but not limited to producer eligibility, producer or member payment share, acres, production, indemnity amount, program factors and payment limitation.

The distribution of this report does not in any way obligate CCC to disburse the estimated payment amounts reflected.

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--42 Recording Linkage Determinations (Continued)*D Recording the Linkage Determination (Continued)**

Once the “Meets Linkage” question has been answered for all pay groups on the application and the user saves their edits, a linkage determination cannot be completely removed from any pay group within the linkage determination process. Before entering linkage determinations for all pay groups, a user may reset any pay group with a completed “Meets Linkage” response and save without re-entering “Yes” or “No,” as long as at least one other pay group remains with the question answered at the time of saving.

Note: Unlocking an application should be used **only** in limited situations.

In rare situations, a user may need to completely remove a linkage determination after all pay groups have been answered. Unlocking the application is the only method to fully remove linkage determinations at that stage. Users must understand the consequences of unlocking before taking this action.

Unlocking an application removes all linkage determinations, payment statuses, approval statuses, the producer signature date, and the “Submitted” checkbox. The application returns to an “In Progress” status and all approvals are cleared. When approvals are cleared, the payment system is immediately notified that the approved payment amount is \$0 for all pay groups.

Users must promptly re-enter the producer signature date, re-check the “Submitted” checkbox, and re-approve the notices of loss and pay groups. Any delay in reloading approvals will result in an overpayment notification for the full amount of the original WHIP+ payment for all pay groups, and an automated overpayment letter will be issued.

Users are not required to contact the National Office for routine unlocks associated with general data correction or cleanup. Users should contact the National Office only when a full removal of linkage determinations is needed after all pay groups have been answered and saved, and they are uncertain whether unlocking is appropriate, or the situation involves unusual or complex circumstances, such as linkage entered for the wrong producer or situations affecting multiple pay groups. National Office staff will provide guidance on whether unlocking is warranted and ensure users understand the required follow-up actions to prevent payment system errors.

If it is determined that complete removal of linkage determinations is appropriate, the workaround is to unlock the application. After unlocking, users must promptly complete all required steps to restore accurate approval and payment information and restart the linkage review process.--*

***--43 Linkage Notification and Exception for Linkage Years**

A Producer Notification

County Offices will notify producers of linkage determinations.

In cases where producers were found to have met linkage, County Offices will send a letter advising of the determination. See Example Letter 1. County Offices will enter linkage determinations in the WHIP+ software according to paragraph 42.

Note: For producers whose initial linkage determination was “linkage met,” Example Letter 1 is optional and may be issued at the State or County Office’s discretion.

Example Letter 1 – Linkage Was Met

To [enter applicable program, “2017 WHIP” or “WHIP+”] participant

As a condition of receiving a [enter applicable program “2017 WHIP” or “WHIP+ ”] payment, producers were required to purchase crop insurance or NAP coverage, at the 60/100 level or higher, for the first two consecutive crop years after the enrollment period ended.

The definition of two consecutive years is 2022 and 2023 for all crops, with 2023 being the last possible year to meet the requirement.

We have conducted a review and determined that you purchased the required level of coverage to meet this requirement.

No further action is required.

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When linkage is determined not to have been met, County Offices must notify producers of the linkage determination and their opportunity to request reconsideration. See Example Letter 2. Linkage determinations must **not** be entered into the WHIP+ software until the reconsideration period has ended or the producer provides documentation confirming whether linkage was met.

To [enter applicable program, “2017 WHIP” or “WHIP+”] participant

The definition of two consecutive years is 2022 and 2023 for all crops, with 2023 being the last possible year to meet the requirement. In *[insert county name]* County, there is no record indicating you purchased crop insurance or NAP coverage on the following crops in 2022 and 2023:

[list crops]

- the listed crop(s) were not planted in 2022 or 2023
- you were no longer farming in 2022 or 2023
- the entity is dissolved in 2022 or 2023
- you purchased the required level of coverage in 2021 and 2022 and wish to use those as your linkage years
- you have other reasons/documentation to show the linkage findings are incorrect.

If you do not contact this office within 30 days, the above crops will be determined to have not met linkage.

43 Linkage Notification and Exception for Linkage Years (Continued)

A Producer Notification (Continued)

After the 30-calendar-day period for reconsideration has passed, or when the producer provides additional documentation to verify whether linkage has been met, the County Offices will enter linkage determinations in the WHIP+ software according to paragraph 42. The County Office will then issue a final determination letter (see Example Letter 3), informing the producer whether linkage was met or not met.

Example Letter 3 – Final Linkage Determination – Notification of Compliance/Noncompliance

To [enter applicable program, “2017 WHIP” or “WHIP+”] participant

In accordance with form FSA-895, “Crop Insurance and/or NAP Coverage Agreement,” signed [insert date], as a condition of receiving a [enter applicable program] payment, producers were required to purchase crop insurance or NAP coverage, at the 60/100 level or higher, for the first two consecutive crop years after the enrollment period ended.

[Insert if compliant: We received the information you submitted on [date], and we have determined that you are in compliance with this requirement. No further action is required.]

[Insert if not compliant: (We did not receive a response from you regarding that notification/We received your response; however, it did not establish that you purchased crop insurance or NAP coverage as required for eligibility.) As a result of this noncompliance, you must repay the [enter applicable program] payment for the crops above in the amount of (insert overpayment amount), plus interest.

You may appeal this determination to the County Committee by filing a written request no later than 30 calendar days after you receive this notice in accordance with the FSA appeal procedures found at 7 CFR Part 780. If you appeal to the County Committee, you have the right to an informal hearing which you or your representative may attend either personally or by telephone. If you appeal this determination to the FSA County Committee, you may later appeal any adverse determination of the County Committee to the FSA State Committee or the National Appeals Division. To appeal, write to the County Committee at the following address and explain why you believe this determination is erroneous.

[Insert County Name]County FSA Committee
[insert address]

If you do not timely file an appeal of this determination, this will be the final administrative determination with respect to this matter in accordance with regulations at 7 CFR Part 780.]

Sincerely,

Farm Service Agency

Enclose a copy of the Estimated Calculated Payment Report

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--43 Linkage Notification and Exception for Linkage Years (Continued)*B Exception for Linkage Years**

An exception to use 2021 and 2022 as the linkage years may apply. When considering if an exception applies, County Offices must consider the date 2021 coverage was obtained.

Note: 2021 RMA and NAP coverage data is available on the linkage reports to assist in determining whether an exception applies.

An exception to use 2021 as a linkage year may apply if the producer purchased crop insurance or NAP coverage for the crop after the enrollment period for WHIP+ ended.

The end of the enrollment period for linkage verification purposes is the later of:

- the WHIP+ deadline of October 30, 2020
- the date the producer signed the WHIP+ application.

Example: A producer completed an application for green beans on October 1, 2020. The producer purchased coverage on March 15, 2021. Since the producer purchased 2021 coverage after the enrollment period, the 2021 coverage can be considered a possible linkage year.--*

44-59 (Reserved)

254 Overpayments

A Introduction

Overpayments will be determined during the WHIP+ payment calculation process. Overpayment information will be updated to the Pending Overpayment Report according to 9-CM, paragraph 65. The overpayment will remain on the Pending Overpayment Report for 20 workdays to allow time for correcting the condition that caused the overpayment. If the overpayment is a legitimate debt, then the overpayment should be transferred to NRRS immediately.

B Determined Overpayments

The system will update the applicable information to the Pending Overpayment Report. See 9-CM, paragraph 65 for information on the Pending Overpayment Report.

C Handling Debts Less Than \$100

County Offices must follow 58-FI for handling receivables less than \$100.

D Debt Basis Codes

The system automatically assigns the debt basis code to the receivable when it is updated to the Pending Overpayment Report. The following are the debt basis codes used for WHIP+ overpayments.

IF the reason the payment entity/member is overpaid is because of...	THEN the discovery/debt basis reason is...
payment limitation issues	10-426.
payment eligibility	10-427.
prior payments exceed the current payment	10-428.

254 Overpayments (Continued)

E Charging Interest

Interest will be charged on receivables from the date the original payment was disbursed if COC determines the producer is ineligible because of the following reasons:

- producer signed to information on FSA-894 that is subsequently determined inaccurate
- producer erroneously or fraudulently represented any act affecting a payment eligibility determination, including the following:
 - violation of conservation compliance provisions
 - violation of controlled substance provisions
- producer knowingly adopted a scheme or device that tended to defeat the purposes of WHIP+.

Interest will **not** be charged from date of disbursement if:

- overpayment resulted based on revised information that the producer would **not** have had reason to know was invalid
- National, State, or County Office erred
- producer voluntarily refunds the payment that was issued and COC has **not** determined that the producer is ineligible.

Notes: Software does **not** currently support charging interest from the date of disbursement.

Any receivable established is sent to NRRS with the current system date. If the
 *--receivable is **not** repaid within 45 calendar days from the date the initial--*
 notification letter is issued, interest will start accruing from the date the receivable
 was established.

If COC determines that the producer is ineligible, and interest must be charged from the date of disbursement:

- County Offices will contact their State Office for assistance
- State Offices will contact Financial Management Division for guidance.

Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Delegations of Authority

Reports

None

Forms

The following lists all forms referenced in this handbook.

Number	Title	Display Reference	Reference
AD-1026	Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification (Includes AD-1026 Appendix)		10, 240, 242, 251
AD-2007	FSA/RMA Compliance Referral Form		1, 91, 119
CCC-36	Assignment of Payment		8, 251
CCC-37	Joint Payment Authorization		8, 251
CCC-471	Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Application for Coverage with Buy-up Option (2015 and Subsequent Crop Years)		33
CCC-576	Notice of Loss and Application for Payment Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for 2013 and Subsequent Years		*--34, 110--*
CCC-902	Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility 2009 and Subsequent Programs Years		240
FSA-325	Application for Payment of Amounts Due Persons Who Have Died, Disappeared, or Have Been Declared Incompetent		240
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FSA-578	Report of Acreage		*--31, 90, 91, 110, 113, 119, 131, 143, 184, 185, 187
FSA-770 WHIP+	Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program+ Checklist	15	15--*
FSA-850	Environmental Screening Worksheet		14
FSA-894	Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program+ (WHIP+) Application	Ex. 4	*--3, 34, 110, 111, 113, 114, 240, 251, 252, 254--*

Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Redelegations of Authority (Continued)

Forms (Continued)

Number	Title	Display Reference	Reference
FSA-894A	Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program+ Production Loss Calculation Worksheet	Ex. 14	240
FSA-894B	Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program+ Value Loss Calculation Worksheet	Ex. 15	240
FSA-894C	Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program+ Trees, Bushes, and Vines Loss Calculation Worksheet	Ex. 16	240
FSA-894D	Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program+ Summary of Loss Calculation Worksheet	Ex. 17	240
FSA-895	Crop Insurance and/or NAP Coverage Agreement	Ex. 5	4, 33
FSA-896	Request for an Exception to the WHIP+ Payment Limitation of \$125,000	Ex. 6	4, 7
FSA-897	Actual Production History and Approved Yield Record (WHIP+ Select Crops Only)	Ex. 7	*--4, 192, 211--*

Abbreviations Not Listed in 1-CM

The following lists approved abbreviations not listed in 1-CM.

Approved Abbreviation	Term	Reference
CDY	county disaster yield	--*Text and Exhibits
CEY	county expected yield	Text and Exhibits
IU	intended use	Text and Exhibits--*
LLP	limited liability partnership	7
MPCI	multi-peril crop insurance	94
PRF	pasture, rangeland, and forage	180, 184
*--SBI	substantial beneficial interest	Text and Exhibits
SY	subsequent year	Text and Exhibits
WFRP	Whole Farm Revenue Protection	Text and Exhibits
WHIP+	Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program+	Text and Exhibits--*

Redelegations of Authority

COC can delegate CED authority to disapprove applications received after the deadline according to paragraph 4.