

**For:** State and County Offices

**2017 WHIP Policy Updates**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (the Act) authorized changes to 2017 WHIP and WHIP+.

For 2017 WHIP, the Act authorizes the Secretary to continue to pay for:

- losses because of Tropical Storm Cindy
- peach and blueberry losses because of extreme cold in 2017
- 2018 blueberry productivity losses because of extreme cold and/or hurricane damage occurring in 2017.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides policy updates including:

- re-opening 2017 WHIP for:
  - losses because of Tropical Storm Cindy
  - peach and blueberry losses because of extreme cold in 2017
  - 2018 blueberry productivity losses because of extreme cold and/or hurricane damage occurring in 2017
- outreach methods.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
July 1, 2020 2-10-20	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

## Notice WHIP-14

### 2 2017 WHIP

#### A Re-Opening 2017 WHIP for Losses Because of Tropical Storm Cindy, Peach and Blueberry Losses Because of Extreme Cold, and 2018 Blueberry Productivity Losses Because of Extreme Cold and/or Hurricane Damage Occurring in 2017

The deadline for producers to apply for 2017 WHIP was December 6, 2019, with producers having until December 20, 2019, to provide all required documentation. With the new provisions of the Act, 2017 WHIP will re-open beginning February 10, 2020.

2017 WHIP applications filed for losses mentioned in subparagraph 1 B will be accepted.

### 3 Outreach

#### A County Office Outreach

County Offices will use outreach to notify producers of:

- 2017 WHIP policy changes
- re-opening 2017 WHIP for the reasons stated in this notice.

### 4 Action

#### A County Office Action

County Offices will contact their State Office for questions on this notice.

#### B State Office Action

State Offices will e-mail questions about this notice to either of the following:

- Lew Jenkins at [lew.jenkins@usda.gov](mailto:lew.jenkins@usda.gov)
- Melonie Sullivan at [melonie.sullivan@usda.gov](mailto:melonie.sullivan@usda.gov).