UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250

Notice WHIP-24

For: State and County Offices

Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program+ (WHIP+) Register

Bradley Karmen

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs

1 Overview

A Background

The deadline to apply for WHIP+ is Friday, October 30, 2020. Because of heavy traffic and workload, many County Offices will not be able to process all WHIP+ applications by the deadline. 1-CM permits the establishment of a WHIP+ register to accommodate producers who have expressed an interest in applying for WHIP+. These are interpreted to include those who have:

- expressed interest using the tool discussed in WHIP-23
- "In Progress" WHIP+ application status.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of the:

- instructions to add names to the survey/tool
- deadline to complete the WHIP+ register
- new location of the survey/tool.

2 WHIP+ Register

A Converting the WHIP+ Interest Tool Results to WHIP+ Register

WHIP-22 was issued on October 13, 2020, and provided a sign-up deadline of October 30, 2020. WHIP-23 was issued on October 15, 2020, and provided program interest tool/survey information, which could be used by producers and FSA employees.

Disposal Date	Distribution
April 1, 2021	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

Notice WHIP-24

2 WHIP+ Register (Continued)

A Converting the WHIP+ Interest Tool Results to WHIP+ Register (Continued)

The WHIP+ Interest Tool is considered a register for the purpose of accepting and processing applications after October 30, 2020, even if all the register requirements of 1-CM do not appear to have been met. Therefore, this notice requires adding producers to the interest tool from any manual registers. All producers on manual registers must be loaded into the tool/survey by **November 4, 2020.**

An application submitted by a producer who does not contact the County Office or express an interest through the survey/tool by October 30, 2020, is considered late-filed.

Note: This notice should not be interpreted as an extension of the October 30, 2020, deadline. It is a means by which customers can be determined to have met program requirements by the deadline by contacting FSA and being added to the WHIP+ register.

B Using the WHIP+ Interest Tool for WHIP+ Register Purposes

WHIP-23 provided background and guidance for using the WHIP+ Interest Tool. The tool consists of two survey sections, the producer survey and the FSA "log" section.

To add names to the register, the FSA user must jump to the log portion of the tool. This can be done by answering "No" to question 1, as shown in the following example.

1. Would you like to learn more about your potential eligibility for WHIP+?	
Yes, and I will answer additional questions.	
Yes, but I do not want to answer additional questions. I would like FSA to contact me.	
No, I am not interested in WHIP+ but I would like FSA to contact me. If you don't want FSA to contact you, close this window.	

This will prompt the user to answer the remaining 11 questions needed to complete the required field for the register.

The tool is located at https://inside.fsa.usda.gov/program-areas/dafp/dap/whip-plus/index.

Note: The survey will be removed from public access after COB on October 30, 2020.

The information entered in the tool will be compiled into a spreadsheet. The spreadsheet is sorted by State and County Office, updated daily, and is available at https://inside.fsa.usda.gov/program-areas/dafp/dap/whip-plus/index.

Notice WHIP-24

2 WHIP+ Register (Continued)

C "In Progress" WHIP+ Applications

Applications that are "In Progress" as of October 30, 2020, will be considered to have met the register requirements. The applications must be completed as soon as possible. State Offices must establish a deadline to complete all applications by December 18, 2020.

A report can be generated in the WHIP+ software application to provide a list of all applications in progress in the county.

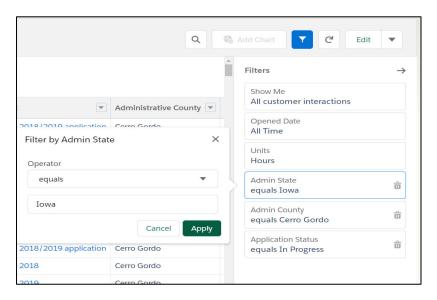
Note: At the discretion of the County Office, the producers on the report may be added to the register using the tool as indicated in subparagraph B.

D Generating a WHIP+ Applications in Pending Status Report

1. Access the following report in SalesForce: https://fsa.lightning.force.com/lightning/r/sObject/00Ot000000XvRSEA0/view?que ryScope=userFolders.



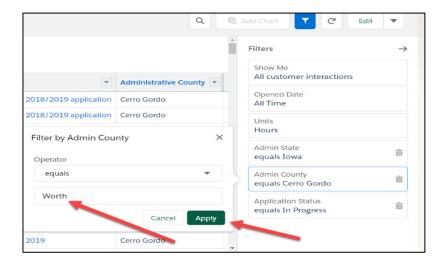
2. Select the filter setting and update the "Admin State" and "Admin County" filter by left clicking on the entry:



2 WHIP+ Register (Continued)

D Generating a WHIP+ Applications in Pending Status Report (Continued)

3. Replace Iowa with your State Name and the County Name as applicable. CLICK "Apply."



This will generate all WHIP+ applications with an "In Progress" status to monitor.

3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices will ensure that:

- County Offices are informed of the contents of this notice
- a deadline to complete all applications is established according to subparagraph 2 C.

B County Office Action

County Offices will:

- enter producers in survey/tool by November 4, 2020, to develop a WHIP+ register
- contact producers to complete an application
- complete all applications by the deadline established by the State Office.