

Payment Integrity Scorecard

Program or Activity
Hurricane Harvey - Wildfires and Hurricane Indemnity Pr..

Reporting Period
Q1 2021

Change from Previous FY (\$M)

N/A

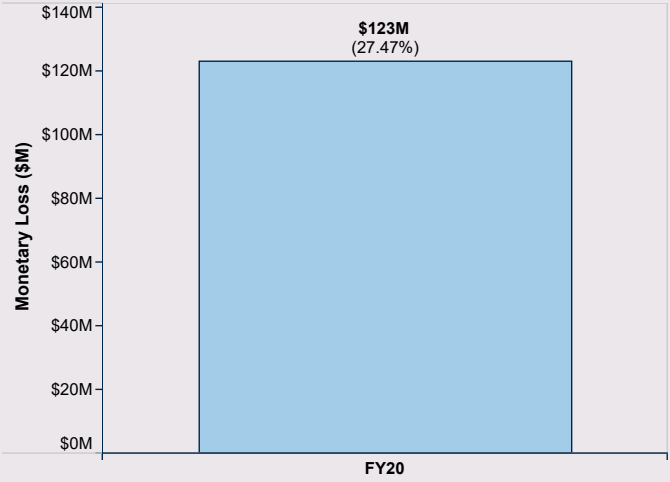


USDA
Hurricane Harvey - Wildfires and Hurricane Indemnity Program

Brief Program Description:

WHIP assistance is available to eligible producers for crops, trees, bushes, and vines which suffered losses due to qualifying disaster events in calendar year 2017.

Monetary Loss (\$M)
(Overpayment as Percentage of Total Outlays)



Key Milestones		Status	ECD
1	Develop mitigation strategies to get the payment right the first time	Completed	Oct-20
2	Evaluate the ROI of the mitigation strategy	On-Track	Sep-21
3	Determine which strategies have the best ROI to prevent cash loss	On-Track	Sep-21
4	Implement new mitigation strategies to prevent cash loss	Completed	Oct-20
5	Analyze results of implementing new strategies	Completed	Oct-20
6	Achieved compliance with PIIA	Completed	Oct-20
7	Identified any data needs for mitigation	On-Track	Sep-21

Goals towards Reducing Monetary Loss			Status	ECD
1	Q1 2021	All 2017 WHIP sign-up has ended, and closeout activity has been completed. Possible appeals may remain.	Completed	Oct-20

Recovery Method	Brief Description of Plans to Recover Overpayments
1 Recovery Activity	FSA overpayment policy is used to collect payments exceeding their eligibility.
2 Recovery Audit	FSA overpayment policy is used to collect payments exceeding their eligibility.

Accomplishments in Reducing Monetary Loss			Date
1	Notices WHIP-11 and WHIP-25 were provided to states/counties regarding the closeout of 2017 WHIP.		Nov-20
2	Payments have been signed/certified.		Nov-20
3	Program sign-up has completed.		Nov-20

Amt(\$)	Root Cause of Monetary Loss	Root Cause Description	Mitigation Strategy	Brief Description of Mitigation Strategy and Anticipated Impact
\$118M	Administrative or process errors made by: federal agency	Administrative and/or process errors needed to verify producer eligibility and/or approval of a payment were missing or incomplete.	Training	The CCC-770 WHIP Checklist was provided to assist WHIP specialists to complete applications thoroughly with less administrative data missing.
\$3M	Failure to verify: other eligibility data	Examples of failure to verify may include evidence of a producer's interest in a crop not being on file. Guidance was provided to the state offices on the importance of completing all required documentation for WHIP applications and payments.	Automation	Software enhancements were created, by the Agency, to require records to be read during the WHIP payment process to assist in verifying data.
\$2M	Inability to authenticate eligibility: data needed does not exist	Valid documents needed for producer eligibility were not completed to verify approval of a payment.	Training	1-WHIP par4E require second party reviews be performed prior to payments being made. 1-WHIP par4A require the first five applications of an employee in the service center be reviewed by State Office representative.

Monetary Loss - Monetary loss to the Government includes amounts that should not have been paid and in theory should/could be recovered.