



Sweetener Symposium 2022

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Authority

Statutory

- The Extending Government Funding and **Delivering** Emergency Assistance Act, September 30, 2021 (Pub. L. 117-43)
 - For an additional amount for the “Office of the Secretary”, \$10,000,000,000, which shall remain available until December 31, 2023, for necessary expenses related to losses of crops (including milk, on-farm stored commodities, crops prevented from planting in 2020 and 2021, and harvested adulterated wine grapes), trees, bushes, and vines, as a consequence of droughts, wildfires, hurricanes, floods, derechos, excessive heat, winter storms, freeze, including a polar vortex, smoke exposure quality losses of crops, and excessive moisture occurring in calendar years 2020 and 2021 under such terms and conditions as determined by the Secretary...

ERP Philosophy

ERP vs. WHIP+ Program Development and Implementation

- **ERP**
 - Utilized data already existing
 - Development and implementation used simpler methodology
 - Payments required little producer interaction and were immediate
- **WHIP+**
 - complex design and implementation requiring all producers to provide input and/or documentation
 - Time for implementation and payment was very lengthy, spanning multiple years.

Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Implementation

- Implementation will be provided in phases.
 - Phase 1a – RMA insured producers with losses in 2020 or 2021 (excluding supplemental coverage policies) - Released May 23
 - Phase 1b – NAP covered producers who incurred losses in 2020 or 2021. Released July 25.
 - Phase 2 – Under design, but will target producer losses not included in Phase 1, such as shallow losses. Set for release in late summer.

ERP Phase 1 Current Statistics

- Number of Applications - 255,699
- National dollars paid out the door - \$6,009,498,289
 - Sugar Beets – 741 applications totaling \$14,966,469
 - Sugarcane - 77 applications totaling \$2,234,201



Phase 2 - Update

Phase 2 will provide assistance through a more traditional application process and will be available for:

- shallow losses
- quality losses
- producers without crop insurance or NAP coverage
- producers that did not receive Phase 1 payments, or elected not to participate in Phase 1

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 - ...Provided further, That at the election of a processor eligible for a loan under section 156 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7272) or a cooperative processor of dairy, the Secretary shall make payments for losses in 2021 to such processors (to be paid to producer members, as determined by such processors) in lieu of payments to producers and under the same terms and conditions as payments made to processors pursuant to title I of the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 (Public Law 116-94) under the heading “Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Programs-Processing, Research and Marketing-Office of the Secretary”, as last amended by section 791c of title VII of division B of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-094)

Questions or Comments?



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