

## **Friday Feedback for Friday, October 28, 2022**

### **November Survey Packets on their Way – Collom**

Enumerator kits containing the November 1 Surveys, including materials for the Vegetable Chemical Use Survey (VCUS), were shipped from the Regional Field Office on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Once they arrive, please go through the packets thoroughly to make sure you have everything you are expecting. If something is missing, please call the Regional Field Office. Please note that surveys that matched the VCUS, including the Cost of Pollination Survey (COP) and the End of Season Vegetable Inquiry are *inside* the labeled questionnaires along with the acreage insert sheet. Please also pay close attention to the data collection dates for each of the surveys, which are posted to the [Purdue NASDA Website](#).

### **iPad Migration Update – Morris/Palmer/Tolbert**

Thanks to everyone for their patience while dealing with this week's InTune migration on your iPads. We've got most enumerators through the process, but as November survey work is starting up, it will be critical that the migration activities are complete within the next few days.

After migrating to the InTune Mobile Device Management System, some iPads were reported to have an older version of the CAPI application. The problem was identified, and the latest version of the CAPI application should have been pushed out. All enumerators should log into the CAPI application to check the version number. If the version is **V22.09.25**, then the iPad has the correct version and you are ready to collect data. If not, log out of CAPI, restart the iPad, and wait for the updated version of the CAPI applications to be pushed to your iPad. All enumerators should "Clear Preferences" on the CAPI login screen before logging back into CAPI using the green mobile CAPI icon. Do not collect any data in the CAPI application until you have the correct version installed. As a backup, you may use the URL posted on the CAPI dashboard to collect data until you are successful in obtaining the correct version of CAPI.

Please refer to the CAPI Dashboard for more information. If problems continue, please alert your supervisor.

### **Objective Yield Notes – Erickson/Segelhorst**

Thank you for your continued hard work on this year's Objective Yield Surveys. As a reminder, Form B data collection for this month ends on November 1, and the last day to submit Form B data into CAPI is November 2. Don't forget to send your samples to the lab via UPS on the same day that the sample was harvested, if possible.

As of Thursday, October 27, there were several corn and soybean objective yield samples in both Indiana and Ohio where lab work has been processed for this month, but the accompanying Form B had not yet been submitted in CAPI. If the Form B is not received, then we will not be able to use the corresponding lab data for those samples. We fully understand that the ongoing iPad migration activities may be preventing enumerators from getting Form B data entered into CAPI. If that is the situation you are in, please make it a priority to work with Brooke to get your iPad up and running as soon as possible with the latest version of CAPI installed. If that can't happen because you are waiting on a new iPad to be delivered to you, then we ask that you get the Form B data to Alan and/or Annika by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, November 1 through one of two ways:

- Take a picture of the paper version of the completed Form B's and email them to Alan ([Alan.Erickson@usda.gov](mailto:Alan.Erickson@usda.gov) for corn) or Annika ([Annika.Segelhorst@usda.gov](mailto:Annika.Segelhorst@usda.gov) for soybeans). Be sure the sample number is clearly identified on the form and that no other personally identifying information (PII) is written on the form.
- Relay the information over the phone to Alan (517-324-5333 for corn) or Annika (517-324-5312 for soybeans).

### **Area Photo Maps – Tolbert/Goings/Morris**

With Objective Yield surveys winding down, please be sure to send all June Area photo maps back to the Regional Office by Friday, November 4. We will begin inventory the week of November 7 to correct issues with map storage identified earlier this year, and order replacement photos for the coming year if necessary. If you need supplies from the office, please contact your supervisor or NASDA Coordinator Brooke Morris.

### **Saying Hello Again**

John Miyares is back working in the Great Lakes Region again, serving in his former position as the Group Leader over the Surveys Team, effective October 24. John recently completed a 16-week special assignment as an interim Deputy Regional Director in the Southern Plains Regional Field Office, which serves Oklahoma and Texas. While John learned a lot and had a very positive experience in this position, he is very excited to be back working in the Great Lakes states again.

### **Friday Feedback for Friday, October 21, 2022**

### **iPad Update – Morris/Palmer/Tolbert**

Next week, the iPad will be updating to a new system, Intune Endpoint Management. This system will allow completely remote management for the USDA CEC department. There are a few steps we need for each enumerator to take. Below are the details. Details can also be found on the CAPI Dashboard.

### **Intune Migration Timeline and Details:**

- **Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** – All iPads should be turned on and plugged into the wall by 3:00 p.m. Please ensure your iPad is either connected to Wi-Fi or cellular service. Having the iPad active, will send a signal to the system that your iPad is active. To ensure your iPad is registered, leave the iPad on the charger all Friday afternoon. It can be used in a normal capacity on Friday until Monday night. **In order for the update to work properly your iPad MUST have iOS 15.3 (I'd prefer if you have 15.7 the latest version).**
- **Monday, October 24, 2022** – The update will be pushed through at 9:00 p.m. Please turn on your iPad, place it on the charger and plug it into the wall with either Wi-Fi or cellular service active. The update will be pushed through overnight. You will not be able to use your iPad until Tuesday.
- **Tuesday, October 25, 2022** – The system update should have run overnight. If the update was successful, the device will show the “Hello” screen. If the update fails, your iPad will show your normal screen. Once you have a strong connection, please proceed with updating your device by following the prompts. If you have issues with the reset, please contact your supervisor. More details were sent to your supervisor.

## Area Photo Maps – Tolbert/Goings/Morris

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## iPad Inventory – Tolbert/Palmer/Morris

\*\*\*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*\*\*

During your Fall Chemical Survey(s) mini school, please give your supervisor the following: **your legal name, enumerator number, Model Number, Serial Number, and Cellular Data Number**. If you are not working a fall survey, please reach out to your supervisor with the requested information. Supervisors, after you have collected your team's information (including your numbers) please email the list to your NASDA Coordinator **by November 1<sup>st</sup>**.

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- After unlocking your iPad, locate and select the Settings icon.
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If you need assistance with completing the inventory request, please give the office a call!

## Friday Feedback for Friday, October 14, 2022

### Passing of Anita A. Girod – Tolbert

We regret informing you of the passing of Anita Girod. She was an enumerator for 15 years for the state of Indiana. Flowers, arrangements, and a tribute wall are located at this link, [Obituary for Anita A. Girod | Haggard Hirschy & Zelt Funeral Home \(hshfuneralhome.com\)](#).



### Ag Yield Reminders – Cooper/Miyares

We are reaching the end of this year's Ag Yield season. Thanks to everyone for their hard work on this survey this year.

Some operators may push back on the survey, asking why they keep getting contacted every month. The Ag Yield survey is conducted monthly throughout the year in order to track expected yields based on changes in weather, soil, and crop conditions. A crop that looks good one month based on adequate heat and timely rains could decline in quality based on overly dry or overly wet conditions taking place over the four-week period between surveys. Major weather events such as floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes can also affect whether a field can be harvested. High moisture in the grain or disease contaminants may change what the farmer is able to sell at the end of the season. NASS publishes updated expected yields in the monthly *Crop Production* reports, which come out on or before the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month. The November Survey represents that last time this year that these operators will be contacted to provide a forecast for their corn and soybean crops.

Although none of the operators in the Monthly Ag Yield sample will be included in the December Crops APS survey, nearly all of them will be included in the Row Crop County Agricultural Production Survey (aka. Row Crop CAPS). The CAPS will be mailed out next month, with follow-up phoning to take place in December and January. When contacting operators for Ag Yield this month, please remind them that they may receive one more survey next month to confirm their final corn and soybean yields for the season.

Occasionally, we have some operators in the November Ag Yield survey tell us that they didn't have any corn or soybeans to harvest this year. If this situation arises, please take detailed notes to explain the situation. Operators in the November Ag Yield sample would have told us in June that they were planting corn and/or soybeans, and most likely would have reported expected yields to us at some point between August and October. If something changed, or if we've had it wrong all along, we need to know what happened.

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## World Food Day – October 16

Celebrated annually on October 16, World Food Day commemorates the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 1945. Since the holiday was established in 1979, it has become a way to raise awareness about hunger, malnutrition, sustainability, and food production. Millions of people suffer the health consequences of malnourishment, which damages growing bodies and brains. World Food Day acts as an impetus to get involved, reduce food waste, and help provide sustenance for millions.

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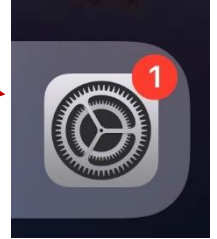
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## Friday Feedback for Friday, October 7, 2022

### iPad Update – Tolbert/Palmer/Morris

HQ has approved the current update (iOS 15.7) to be run on all iPads. Please run the update by **COB Wednesday, October 12, 2022**. Below are some tips and reminders for your update.

- Your iPad may have an update notification in **Settings**.
- HQ will post an approval message on the CAPI Dashboard as a reminder.
- A good cellular connection and/or WIFI is needed for a speedier install.
- Your iPad must be fully charged before attempting to install this iOS.
- Expect the install to take ample time to complete.



If you need supplies from the office, please contact your NASDA Coordinator.

### Area Photo Maps – Tolbert/Goings/Morris

As we move closer to the end of OY season, please begin to send all maps back to the Regional Office. We will begin inventory in November to correct issues with map storage earlier this year. If you need supplies from the office, please contact your Supervisor or NASDA Coordinator.

### Holiday

The office will be closed for Columbus Day on Monday, October 10, 2022. If you need assistance, please contact your supervisor first and then the Deputy Director, Ty Tolbert.

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