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Margin Protection Program for Dairy

The Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy) is a voluntary risk management program for dairy producers authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill through Dec. 31, 2018. Significant changes to MPP-Dairy for the 2018 coverage year are further authorized by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. The MPP-Dairy offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.

Changes to MPP-Dairy

Based on feedback from dairy producers, Congress made several changes to MPP-Dairy in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, including:

- Calculations of the margin period is monthly rather than bi-monthly.
- Covered production is increased to 5 million pounds on the Tier 1 premium schedule, and premium rates for Tier 1 are substantially lowered.
- An exemption from paying an administrative fee for limited resource, beginning, veteran, and disadvantaged producers. Dairy operators enrolled in the previous 2018 enrollment period that qualify for this exemption under the new provisions may request a refund.

USDA is mailing postcards advising dairy producers of the changes. For more information, contact your local USDA service center. (<http://offices.usda.gov/>)

2018 Registration and Re-Enrollment Period

The registration and re-enrollment period for coverage year 2018 will begin April 9, 2018, and continues through June 1, 2018. Dairy operations must make a new coverage election for 2018, even if you enrolled during the previous 2018 signup period. Coverage elections made for 2018 will be retroactive to January 1, 2018.

About the Program

The program offers dairy producers: (1) catastrophic coverage, at no cost to the producer, other than an annual \$100

administrative fee (which is waived in some cases); and (2) various levels of buy-up coverage. Read more on our fact sheet (/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/2018/mpp_dairy_program_april_2018.pdf).

Tool to Explore Coverage Options

USDA has a web tool (</programs-and-services/farm-bill/farm-safety-net/dairy-programs/mpp-decision-tool/index>) to help producers determine the level of coverage under the MPP-Dairy that will provide them with the strongest safety net under a variety of conditions. The online resource allows dairy farmers to quickly and easily combine unique operation data and other key variables to calculate their coverage needs based on price projections. Producers can also review historical data or estimate future coverage based on data projections. The secure site can be accessed via computer, smartphone, tablet or any other platform.

Results of 2017 MPP-Dairy Enrollment

- Table 1: MPP-Dairy Production History (/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/Price-Support/pdf/MPP-Dairy/table_1_dairy_production_history.pdf) (PDF)
- Table 2: MPP-Dairy Count of operations by coverage level (/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/Price-Support/pdf/MPP-Dairy/table_2_dairy_count_of_operations-by_coverage_level.pdf) (PDF)
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Results of 2015 MPP-Dairy Enrollment

- Table 1: MPP-Dairy Production History (/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/Price-Support/pdf/MPP-Dairy/ta_1_mpp_production_history.pdf) (PDF)
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- Table 3: MPP-Dairy Production History by Coverage Level (/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/Price-Support/pdf/MPP-Dairy/ta_3_prod_hist_cvge_lv.pdf) (PDF)
- Table 4: MPP-Dairy Production History Eligible for Payments (/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/Price-Support/pdf/MPP-Dairy/ta_4_mpp_prod_hist_elig_pmts.pdf) (PDF)
- Table 5: MPP-Dairy Percent of history covered by state (/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/Price-Support/pdf/MPP-Dairy/ta_5_mpp_pct_hist_cvrd_st.pdf) (PDF)

Prices

Read the details on how the prices below are used in the MPP calculation (</Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/Price-Support/pdf/MPP-Dairy/mpp-prices.pdf>) (PDF 90.5 KB).

Month	Pay Periods	Corn (\$/bu)	Alfalfa Hay (\$/ton)	Soybean Meal (\$/ton)	All Milk< (\$/cwt)	Final Feed Costs for MPP-D (\$/cwt)	Milk Margin Above Feed Costs (\$/cwt)	Milk Margin /pay Period*
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2018

February		3.38	155.00	362.85	15.30	8.41651	6.88349	
January		3.29	152.00	322.59	16.10	7.98295	8.11705	

2017

December	6	3.23	148.00	319.22	17.20	7.83901	9.36099	9.87485
November		3.15	148.00	313.52	18.10	7.71129	10.38871	
October	5	3.26	152.00	315.23	17.90	7.89667	10.00333	9.99619
September		3.27	149.00	307.70	17.80	7.81095	9.98905	
August	4	3.27	147.00	301.05	18.00	7.73467	10.26533	9.67123
July		3.49	152.00	326.04	17.30	8.22287	9.07713	
June	3	3.43	152.0	300.72	17.30	7.97239	9.32760	8.97093
May		3.45	155.00	307.63	16.70	8.08574	8.61426	
April	2	3.43	148.00	305.67	16.50	7.95398	8.54602	8.94898
March		3.49	135.00	320.34	17.30	7.94807	9.35192	
February	1	3.44	129.00	334.42	18.50	7.91572	10.58428	10.82023
January		3.40	128.00	332.34	18.90	7.84382	11.05618	

2016

December	6	3.33	129.00	321.02	18.80	7.69922	11.10078	10.54246
November		3.23	130.00	322.41	17.60	7.61586	9.98414	
October	5	3.29	135.00	323.27	16.60	7.75505	8.84495	9.16485
September		3.22	137.00	337.95	17.30	7.81525	9.48475	
August	4	3.21	138.00	340.80	17.10	7.83917	9.26083	8.42515
July		3.60	140.00	371.49	16.10	8.51053	7.58947	
June	3	3.82	142.00	408.57	14.80	9.04648	5.75351	5.76277
May		3.68	147.00	376.35	14.50	8.72797	5.77202	
April	2	3.58	153.00	303.81	15.00	8.16972	6.83027	7.14868
March		3.57	144.00	276.22	15.30	7.83291	7.467087	
February	1	3.57	142.00	273.61	15.70	7.78632	7.913670	8.00928
January		3.66	147.00	279.56	16.10	7.99511	8.104886	

2015

December	6	3.65	150.00	289.78	17.20	8.10060	9.099397	9.55705
November		3.60	150.00	308.60	18.20	8.18529	10.01471	
October	5	3.67	156.00	327.97	17.70	8.48496	9.21504	9.08207
September		3.68	157.00	333.62	17.50	8.55091	8.94909	
August	4	3.68	159.00	357.85	16.70	8.75641	7.94360	7.69510
July		3.80	169.00	375.71	16.60	9.15341	7.44659	
June	3	3.58	178.00	335.03	16.90	8.74170	8.15831	7.99534

May		3.62	192.00	320.23	16.70	8.86763	7.83237	
April	2	3.75	184.00	336.61	16.50	9.01788	7.48212	7.50415
March		3.81	172.00	357.83	16.60	9.07382	7.52618	
February	1	3.79	172.00	370.38	16.80	9.14461	7.65540	7.99554
January		3.81	174.00	380.02	17.60	9.26432	8.33569	
2014								
December	6	3.78	183.00	431.73	20.40	9.73550	10.66450	12.02943
November		3.58	184.00	441.39	23.00	9.60564	13.39436	
October	5	3.56	194.00	381.50	24.90	9.28099	15.61901	15.51136
September		3.48	197.00	525.72	25.70	10.29629	15.40371	
August	4	3.63	209.00	490.30	24.10	10.36142	13.73858	13.21061
July		4.05	216.00	450.79	23.30	10.61731	12.68265	
June	3	4.49	222.00	501.72	23.20	11.54591	11.65409	11.95747
May		4.71	224.00	519.38	24.20	11.93913	12.26087	
April	2	4.71	206.00	514.01	25.30	11.65306	13.64694	13.87422
March		4.51	191.00	495.71	25.20	11.09850	14.10150	

*At a milk margin minus feed costs of \$8 or less, payments are possible depending on the level of coverage chosen by the dairy producer.

Sources:

Corn, Alfalfa hay and All-milk full month prices (not preliminary) can be found in the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Agricultural Prices monthly publication (<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1002>).

Soybean Meal prices can be found in the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) daily Central Illinois Soybean Processor report (http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/gx_gr117.txt). (Go to the 48% Soybean Meal R monthly price at the bottom of the report).

Payments

- 2016 May-June payments, by state (</Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/MPP-Dairy/2016%20MPP%20May-June%20payments%20by%20state.pdf>)

Related Documents

- Fact Sheet (/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/2018/mpp_dairy_program_april_2018.pdf)
- News Release (/news-room/news-releases/2018/nr_20180403_rel_0042)
- Regulation (<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/04/13/2016-08482/margin-protection-program-for-dairy>)

MPP Forms: (http://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2016/nr_20160412_rel_0090)

- CCC-781 (<http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eForms/CCC781.PDF>)
- CCC-782 (<http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eForms/CCC782.PDF>)
- CCC-782 Appendix (http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eForms/CCC782_APPENDIX.PDF)

Handbook and Recent Notices

- Handbook 1-MPP Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers (/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/MPP-Dairy/1_MPP%20Amendment%206.pdf)
- MPP-50 MPP-Dairy 2016 Coverage Year Opt Out Option (</Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/MPP->

- Dairy/mpp_50%20MPP-Dairy%202018%20Coverage%20Year%20Opt%20Out%20Option.pdf)
- MPP-51 MPP-Dairy Producers 2017 Premium Balance Due Letter (/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/MPP-Dairy/mpp_51%20MPP-Dairy%20Producers%202017%20Premium%20Balance%20Due%20Letter.pdf)
- MPP-52 Establishing Manual Receivables in NRRS for MPP-Dairy Producers 2017 Administrative and Premium Fees (/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/MPP-Dairy/mpp_52%20Establishing%20Manual%20Receivables%20in%20NRRS%20for%20MPP-Dairy%20Producers%202017%20Administrative%20and%20Premium%20Fees.pdf)
- MPP-53 Announcing Signup Deadline for Registration and Coverage Election for 2018 MPP-Dairy (/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/MPP-Dairy/mpp_53%20Announcing%20Signup%20Deadlines%20for%20Registration%20and%20Coverage%20Election%20for%202018.pdf)
- MPP-54 MPP-Dairy Preparations for 2018 Re-enrollment (/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/MPP-Dairy/mpp_54%20MPP-Dairy%20Preparations%20for%202018%20Re-enrollment.pdf)



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