

1 Sec. X. ORGANIC DAIRY FARM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2 (a) In addition to any other funds appropriated to the Agency of
3 Agriculture, Food and Markets in fiscal year 2024, \$6,900,000.00 is
4 appropriated to the Agency for the purpose of establishing an organic dairy
5 farm assistance program consistent with the requirements of this section.

6 (b) An organic dairy farm is eligible for assistance under this section if:

7 (1) the farm is currently operating as a dairy farm producing milk, either
8 organic or conventional;

9 (2) the farm shipped organic milk through the end of calendar year 2022
10 and provides documentation to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
11 of the amount of milk shipped per hundredweight;

12 (3) the farm is in good standing with the Agency of Agriculture, Food
13 and Markets; and

14 (4) the farm submits an application for assistance to the Agency of
15 Agriculture, Food and Markets by a date specified by the Secretary of
16 Agriculture, Food and Markets.

17 (c) Assistance. The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall award
18 eligible organic dairy farms financial assistance in the form of a grant in the
19 amount of \$5.00 per hundredweight of milk shipped by the organic dairy farm
20 in calendar year 2022.