

**For:** State and County Offices

**Announcing Extension to Registration and Coverage Election Period for 2014 and 2015 Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers (MPP-Dairy)**

**Approved:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

The MPP-Dairy Program authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the national all milk price and the national average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producers in a dairy operation. Notice MPP-3 informed State and County Offices of the following:

- registration and coverage election period for 2014 and 2015 MPP-Dairy
- policy and procedure for processing 2014 and 2015 registrations and premiums.

In an effort to ensure that producers are well informed of the MPP-Dairy Program provisions and make coverage level selections suitable to their operations’ needs, the deadline has been extended to register for 2014 and 2015 MPP-Dairy. In addition, CCC-782 has been revised to facilitate registration in County Offices and ensure that an accurate production history, that includes the applicable national bump, is certified to by the producers in the dairy operation on the form.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides State and County Offices with the following:

- 2014 and 2015 registration and coverage election period extension deadline
- revised CCC-782, MPP-Dairy Contract and Annual Coverage Election.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
April 1, 2015	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 1 Overview (Continued)

#### C Contact

If there are questions about this notice, State Offices shall contact Dani Cooke, PSD, by either of the following:

- e-mail to [danielle.cooke@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:danielle.cooke@wdc.usda.gov)
- telephone at 202-720-1919.

### 2 MPP-Dairy Registration Extension and CCC-782 Revision

#### A 2014 and 2015 Extended Registration and Coverage Election Period

Dairy operations can register for MPP-Dairy through **COB December 5, 2014**, for either or both of the following:

- coverage for September through December 2014
- coverage for calendar year 2015.

**Note:** County Offices shall continue to follow procedure in Notice MPP-3 for processing registrations and premiums for 2014 and 2015 coverage until the forthcoming handbook is issued.

#### B CCC-782 Revision

CCC-782 (Exhibit 1) has been revised as follows:

- to include a question (item 8b) to identify whether the dairy operation facility is being rented or leased
- to instruct County Offices to enter the applicable production history from the MPP-Dairy Production History and Premium Calculator Workbook that includes the national bump, rather than from CCC-781 entries that does **not** include the national bump.

**Note:** A new CCC-782 (11-21-14) is **not** required for previously registered dairy operations, unless requested by the producers in the dairy operation. However, new item 8b **must** be confirmed **before** any production history transfer or merger is approved.

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### 3 Action

#### A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices:

- are immediately informed of the contents of this notice
- continue to follow Notice MPP-3 procedure
- immediately publicize the contents of this notice by all available means
- direct questions about MPP-Dairy Program policy and procedure to the National Office according to subparagraph 1 C.

#### B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- immediately notify producers, by all available means, of the MPP-Dairy Program registration and coverage election period extension for 2014 and 2015
- follow procedure in Notice MPP-3 to register producers for MPP-Dairy 2014 and 2015 coverage
- forward questions about the contents of this notice to the State Office Price Support specialist.

**CCC-782 (11-21-14), Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers (MPP-Dairy) Contract and Annual Coverage Election**

The following is an example of CCC-782.

<p><b>This form is available electronically.</b></p> <p><b>CCC-782</b> U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (11-21-14) Commodity Credit Corporation</p> <p align="center"><b>MARGIN PROTECTION PROGRAM FOR DAIRY PRODUCERS (MPP-DAIRY) CONTRACT AND ANNUAL COVERAGE ELECTION</b></p>		<p align="center"><b>For County Office Use Only</b></p> <p>1. Admin State Name: _____</p> <p>2. Admin County Name: _____</p> <p>3. Farm/Tract Number: _____</p> <p>4. Dairy Operation Number: _____</p> <p>5. Coverage Year: _____</p>	
<p><b>PART A – GENERAL INFORMATION</b></p>			
<p>6. Dairy Operation Name and Address</p>		<p>7. Type of Action:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Contract      <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Coverage Election      <input type="checkbox"/> Successor-In-Interest</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contract Revision      <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement      <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Dissolution</p>	
<p>8A. Does the dairy operation currently produce and commercially market milk?</p>		<p><b>YES</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>NO</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>8B. Is the dairy operation facility currently being leased or rented?</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>9. Do all dairy producers in the operation make contributions (including land, labor, management, equipment, or capital) to the dairy operation, which are at least commensurate with their shares of the proceeds of the operation? <i>If "NO", indicate which producer(s) are not commensurate in Part F.</i></p>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>10. Do any of the producers collectively have more than a 50% interest in both this dairy operation and another dairy operation that is covered under MPP - Dairy? <i>(Not applicable to CY 2014/2015 election period).</i></p>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>11. Does the dairy operation currently have a policy under RMA's Livestock Gross Margin for Dairy Program (LGM-Dairy)? If "NO", skip to Part B.</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>12. If "YES" to Item 11, what is the last month/year of target marketings insured under your LGM-Dairy policy?</p>		<p>(MM-YYYY)</p>	
<p><b>PART B – COVERAGE LEVEL THRESHOLD ELECTION</b></p>			
<p>13. Check one desired level:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$4.00      <input type="checkbox"/> \$5.50      <input type="checkbox"/> \$7.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$4.50      <input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00      <input type="checkbox"/> \$7.50</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00      <input type="checkbox"/> \$6.50      <input type="checkbox"/> \$8.00</p>			
<p><b>PART C – COVERAGE LEVEL PERCENTAGE ELECTION</b></p>			
<p>14. Check one desired level:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 25%      <input type="checkbox"/> 40%      <input type="checkbox"/> 55%      <input type="checkbox"/> 70%      <input type="checkbox"/> 85%</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 30%      <input type="checkbox"/> 45%      <input type="checkbox"/> 60%      <input type="checkbox"/> 75%      <input type="checkbox"/> 90%</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 35%      <input type="checkbox"/> 50%      <input type="checkbox"/> 65%      <input type="checkbox"/> 80%</p>			
<p><b>PART D – ESTABLISHED PRODUCTION HISTORY (For County Office Use Only)</b></p>			
<p>15. Enter applicable production history for the dairy operation from the MPP Production History and Premium Calculator Workbook:</p>			<p>lbs.</p>
<p><b>PART E – CALCULATED PREMIUM AND PREMIUM PAYMENT OPTIONS (For County Office Use Only)</b></p>			
<p>16. Calculated Premium Amount</p>	<p>17. Select the desired premium payment option below:</p>	<p>18. Calculated Totals</p>	
<p>\$</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 100% of Calculated Premium</p>	<p>A. Administrative Fee due by end of election period</p>	<p>\$ 100.00</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Amount (Must be 25% or more of calculated premium due no later than February 1 of the applicable calendar year of coverage). \$ _____</p>	<p>B. Premium Minimum (Due by February 1 of the applicable year of coverage.)</p>	<p>\$</p>
		<p>C. Remaining Balance (Due no later than June 1 of the applicable year of coverage.)</p>	<p>\$</p>
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<b>PART F – CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES</b>							
<p>This Contract to participate in the Margin Protection Program (MPP-Dairy) for dairy producers is entered into between the CCC and the undersigned producers in the dairy operation identified above. The undersigned producer or producers may hereafter collectively be referred to as "the Participant." The Participant agrees to comply with the terms and conditions contained in this Contract including the Appendix to this Contract, CCC-782 Appendix, entitled "Appendix to Form CCC-782 Margin Protection Program" (referred to as "Appendix"). By signing this contract the Participant agrees to participate in the Margin Protection Program for the stipulated contract period from the date the Contract is executed by the CCC. As such, the participant will be legally obligated to pay the annual administrative fee for the duration of the MPP-Dairy program and all associated premiums for buy-up coverage elected by the participant. The participant also agrees to the coverage threshold and coverage level percentage elected above for the applicable calendar year of coverage and further understands that a coverage election must be made annually on form CCC-782 for the duration of the MPP-Dairy program during the open election periods designated by the CCC. By signing below, the Participant (1) agrees to the established production history in Part D; (2) acknowledges receipt of the CCC-782 Appendix, and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions contained therein; and (3) agrees to comply with the regulations governing the applicable program eligibility. This program or activity will be conducted on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status, or disability. The terms and conditions of this contract are contained in this form CCC-782 and in the CCC-782 Appendix and any addendum thereto. The Participant also agrees to not receive benefits under the Livestock Gross Margin program for dairy while participating in the Margin Protection Program for dairy producers. Payments under the MPP-Dairy program may be reduced by a certain percentage due to a sequester order required by Congress and issued pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. Should a payment reduction be necessary, FSA will reduce the payment by the required amount. <b>BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT, PRODUCERS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT A PRODUCTION HISTORY ESTABLISHMENT FORM CCC-781 WAS COMPLETED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DAIRY OPERATION ABOVE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PRODUCTION HISTORY ESTABLISHED AND ENTERED ABOVE WILL BE USED FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS AT 7 CFR PART 1430, SUBPART C.</b></p>							
19. Signature of Producer (By)	20. Title/Relationship of the Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity	21. Date <i>(MM-DD-YYYY)</i>	22. Share %	23. Commensurate	24. Refuse Payment		25. Point of Contact
				NO	YES	NO	
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PART G – CCC ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL</b>							
26A. COC or Designee Signature			26B. Date <i>(MM-DD-YYYY)</i>	26C.			
				<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved			
27. Remarks							
<p><b>NOTE:</b> <i>The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a – as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is 7 CFR Part 1430, the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), and the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79). The information will be used to determine eligibility to participate in and receive benefits under the Margin Protection Program for dairy producers. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to participate in and receive benefits under the Margin Protection Program for dairy producers.</i></p> <p><i>This information collection is exempted from the Paperwork Reduction Act as specified in the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79, Title I, Subtitle F, Administration).</i></p> <p><i>The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.</i></p>							