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## Extension of the Milk Loss Contract Program (MILC) Attention Dairy Producers

Juan M. Ortiz-Serbiá, State Executive Director of the USDA - Farm Service Agency announces that the MILC program sign-up period has been extended conforming to section 1101 of the Agricultural Reconciliation Act of 2005. **The MILC sign-up period began on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 and ends on September 30, 2007.**

The re-authorization of the MILC program allows the continuation of financial assistance on a monthly basis to dairy operations in connection with production sold in the commercial market when domestic prices fall below a specified level. Eligible dairy producers are those who commercially produce milk in the United States or produce milk in the United States and commercially market milk out of the United States during December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001 thru September 30, 2007.

**Sign-up for the fiscal years 2006-2007 will be conducted in two phases: initial and extended sign-ups. Initial sign-up phase began on March 13, 2006 and ends on May 17, 2006. Extended sign-up phase begins on May 18, 2006 and ends on September 30, 2007.** Eligible dairy producers can apply for program benefits anytime during either sign-up phases. To participate, new contracts and register are required. The participants must complete forms and select a month of commercially marketed production for which FSA will begin issuing the operation's payments. The participants also must provide production evidence.

Dairy producers are encouraged to participate and meet the program requirements as soon as possible. For additional information regarding MILC program, requirements and payment limitations, please contact your local FSA office. Also you can visit us online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. The MILC form is available at FSA county offices and online at: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainservlet>.

**FSA Local Offices: Adjuntas (787-829-2030); Arecibo (787-878-2580); Barranquitas (787-857-3940); Caguas (787-743-2203); Corozal (787-859-2880); Lares (787-897-4610); Mayaguez (787-831-3328); Ponce (787-841-3136); Utuado (787-894-1480)**

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