

For: FL, GA, SC, NC, LA, AL, and MS State and County Offices

Proposed Rule for the 2004 Dairy Disaster Assistance Payment (DDAP) Program

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

DDAP program was authorized by Section 103 of the Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2005. The program was developed to assist dairy producers in the southeastern portion of the U.S., who suffered economic losses because of the devastating effects of hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne in 2004.

DDAP will assist dairy producers by providing up to \$10 million in immediate financial assistance, to help recover from dairy production and dairy spoilage losses suffered because of the 2004 hurricanes. DDAP benefits will be provided to eligible dairy producers that meet all program eligibility requirements and are subsequently approved for participation in the DDAP program in counties declared a disaster by the President in 2004 because of hurricanes.

The proposed rule for the 2004 DDAP program requesting public comments was published in Federal Register (FR) May 25, 2005. The published regulation will be provided in 7 CFR Part 1430.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of publication of the 2004 DDAP proposed regulation in FR.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>June 1, 2006</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>Above State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices</p>
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Note: Additional information about the 2004 DDAP program will be included in future LD notices.

2 Commenting on the Proposed Rule

A Public Comment Period

The 2004 DDAP proposed rule invites public comments for 30 calendar days on proposed program provisions and requirements. The public comment period began upon publication of the proposed rule in FR and will end June 24, 2005.

Comments must be received by June 24, 2005, for consideration. All responses to public comments received will be summarized and included in the final rule.

B Accessibility of Proposed Rule

The DDAP proposed rule is located at www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/default.htm

C Action

State and County Offices with Presidential hurricane disaster declarations in 2004 shall notify producers of the contents of this notice through all available sources.