

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

**Clarification of Dairy Disaster Assistance Payment (DDAP) Program  
Worksheet for Cow Adjustments in the Dairy Herd**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

As a result of the 2004 hurricanes, eligible dairy operations for DDAP may have:

- added cows to the dairy operation herd to offset production losses
- lost cows from the dairy operation herd due to death loss, sale, etc.

The DDAP program loss calculation does **not** adjust production losses for fluctuations in the number of head of dairy cows added to, or reduced from, the dairy operation’s cow herd after July 1, 2004. Therefore, the Worksheet for Cows Added or Reduced from July through October 2004 (Worksheet) was provided to calculate a production credit for dairy cow additions and reductions to the dairy operation herd.

**Note:** The Worksheet can be accessed from the PSD web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/>.

Notice LD-555, paragraph 7 provided State and County Offices with instructions on when to use the Worksheet. Since then, many questions have arisen regarding the use of the Worksheet and which types of cows should be counted in the dairy operation herd.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides State and County Offices with instructions to clarify the use of the Worksheet for Cows Added or Reduced from the dairy operation’s herd after July 1, 2004.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
September 1, 2006	Above State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

## Notice LD-557

### 2 Dairy Herd Additions and Reductions

#### A Counting Dairy Cows

Notice LD-555 specifically references, throughout the notice, using milking cows when determining the number of cows:

- in the dairy operation herd
- added to the dairy operation herd
- reduced from the dairy operation herd.

More specifically, when determining the number of cows in the dairy operation herd as bulleted, a combination of both wet and dry cows in the dairy operation herd shall be used.

#### B When to Use the Worksheet for Cows Added or Reduced

Notice LD-555, subparagraph 7 B instructed County Offices to use the Worksheet if the question on CCC-742, item 12E was answered “Yes”. However, even if the dairy operation has indicated a “Yes” response on CCC-742, item 12E, the Worksheet shall **not** be used:

- when there is a consistent month to month decline in the number of cows in the dairy operation herd
- to record dairy operation herd decreases.

**Note:** The policy in Notice LD-555 has been revised to allow the use of the Worksheet **only** to provide a production credit for dairy operation herd increases. Therefore, **only** enter in the Worksheet the number of cows added to the dairy operation herd during each eligible month. The Worksheet shall no longer be used to record reductions from the dairy operation herd.

#### C National Office Contact Information

State Offices shall direct questions about this notice or the DDAP program to either of the following in PSD.

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