

For: FSA Offices

**MILC Program Closeout Procedures**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Signup for the MILC program began August 13, 2002. As of the issuance date of this notice, legislation to extend the program beyond the established deadline has **not** been received. Therefore, signup for the MILC program will end on September 30, 2005, as provided by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides State and County Offices with instructions to close-out the MILC program.

**2 MILC Deadlines**

**A Application Deadline**

The application deadline to signup for MILC program benefits was **September 30, 2005**. Completed CCC-580's and CCC-580M's must have been submitted to the County Office where the dairy operation is physically located by **COB September 30, 2005**. Applications received after the deadline date will not be approved. This includes FAXed applications.

**B Production Evidence Deadline**

Verifiable production evidence that confirms the dairy operation's eligible production and commercial milk marketings must be provided to County Offices before any payment will be issued to the dairy operation. To obtain MILC benefits for all previous months for which a MILC payment rate was in effect, producers must provide the dairy operation's final production evidence and any supporting documentation, if not already submitted, for those eligible months by **COB November 1, 2005**.

**Note:** Any dairy operation that cannot provide the required documentation to the satisfaction of COC will be ineligible for MILC program benefits.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
December 1, 2006	All FSA Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices.

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### 3 MILC Application and Payment Processing Software

#### A Processing Deadline

The County Office deadline for completing the processing of MILC applications is **COB November 30, 2005**, for the following:

- APSS System 36 users
- eMILC beta-site users.

After **November 30, 2005**, no MILC applications for benefits may be recorded in the application processing software.

**Note:** Additional MILC funds needed to complete application processing may be requested from the National Office by the State Office according to subparagraph 4 C.

#### B Data Upload

Tentatively scheduled for sometime in January 2006, KCAO will begin an upload of all non-beta counties from System 36 to eMILC production database. State and County Offices will be notified of the forthcoming upload date.

**Note:** Although the MILC program is ending, the data must still be transferred off of the System 36 to the eMILC mainframe in KCAO.

### 4 Action

#### A County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- comply with the instructions provided in this notice
- refer to 11-LD for MILC policy and procedures
- request additional funds for MILC payment processing through the State Office, as needed
- notify the following of the contents of this notice:
  - dairy producers
  - dairy marketing cooperatives
  - milk handlers
  - other interested parties.

**4 Action (Continued)**

**B State Office Action**

State Offices shall:

- ensure that County Offices immediately notify all interested parties of the contents of this notice using all available sources
- refer to 11-LD for MILC policy and procedures
- contact the National Office as necessary according to subparagraph C.

**C National Office Contact Information**

Contacts are provided in the following table.

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