

For: FSA Offices

Milk Income Loss Contract Extension (MILCX) Program Closeout Procedures

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The MILCX program ended on September 30, 2007, as provided by the Agricultural Reconciliation Act of 2005. Although reauthorization of the program in the forthcoming Farm Bill is anticipated, as of the issuance date of this notice, legislation to continue the program beyond FY 2007 has **not** been received.

B Purpose

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

2 MILCX Deadlines

A Application Deadline

The application deadline to signup for MILCX program benefits was **September 30, 2007**. Completed CCC-580X's and CCC-580M's **must** have been submitted to the appropriate County Office servicing the dairy operation by **COB September 30, 2007**. 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 MILCX benefits for all previous months for which a MILCX 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, 2007**, as provided by 11-LD, subparagraph 44 K.

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

Disposal Date	Distribution
July 1, 2008	All FSA Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices.

2 MILCX Deadlines (Continued)

C Processing Deadline

The County Office deadline for completing the processing of MILCX applications, including all corrections, is **COB December 31, 2007**. After this date, no MILCX applications for benefits or correction activity may be recorded in the eMILCX web-application and payment processing software.

D Funds Request Deadline

Current State and County Office allotments in eFC will be reduced after September 30, 2007. The National Office will redistribute funds through eFC to the State level to process payments for remaining obligations and corrections for FY 2006 and FY 2007 based on available funding.

Additional MILCX funds needed to complete application payment processing including corrections, may be requested from the National Office by the State Office according to subparagraph 4 C until the processing deadline provided in subparagraph C. State Offices shall report to the National Office when all MILCX payments have been completed in their States so that funds may be pulled back to the National Office reserve and redistributed, as needed, to States in need of additional funds to complete payments.

3 Completing MILCX Payment Processing

A Payment Processing Complete

County Offices shall provide a status report to their respective State Offices indicating if all MILCX applications for payment and correction activity have been processed and completed through eMILCX. If all MILCX payments and correction activity have **not** been completely processed, then see subparagraph B.

Note: Negative reports are required.

B Unprocessed MILCX Applications

If all MILCX payments and corrections have **not** been completely processed, then County Offices shall provide a status report to their respective State Offices indicating the following for FY 2006 and FY 2007:

- remaining MILCX applications that need to be paid
- remaining MILCX corrections that need to be processed.

Note: County Offices shall include an estimate of the funding amount for each FY needed to complete the payment process for all remaining correction activity and unprocessed MILCX applications.

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3 Completing MILCX Payment Processing (Continued)

C Status Reports

County Offices shall provide status reports to their respective State Offices as soon as possible. State Offices shall use the status reports from County Offices to do the following:

- monitor and ensure that all MILCX payment processing and correction activity are completed by the processing deadline
- determine additional funding for eFC requests to the National Office necessary to complete payment processing and correction activity for FY 2006 and FY 2007.

4 Action

A County Office Action

County Offices shall:

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

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
- see 11-LD for MILCX policy and procedures
- contact the National Office, as necessary, according to subparagraph C.

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4 Action (Continued)

C National Office Contact Information

Contacts are provided in the following table.

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