

For: State and County Offices

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

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The DDAP-III program was authorized by Section 9007 of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act of 2007. The DDAP-III program was developed to assist dairy producers throughout the U.S., who suffered economic losses because of the devastating effects of natural disasters occurring during the period of January 1, 2005, through February 28, 2007.

The DDAP-III program will assist dairy producers by providing up to \$16 million in immediate financial assistance, to help recover from dairy production losses suffered as a result of natural disasters occurring during the eligible period. DDAP-III benefits will be provided to eligible dairy producers that meet all program eligibility requirements and are subsequently approved for participation in the DDAP-III program in counties declared by the President or designated by the Secretary as a natural disaster county or included under an Administrator's Physical Loss Notification. Eligibility for these programs will be directly associated to the loss conditions as identified in the declaration or designation.

The proposed rule for the DDAP-III program requesting public comments will be published in the FR on November 26, 2007. The published regulation will be provided in 7 CFR Part 786.

B Purpose

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

Disposal Date	Distribution
June 1, 2008	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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C Contact

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Note: Additional information about the DDAP-III program will be included in forthcoming LD notices.

2 Commenting on the Proposed Rule

A Public Comment Period

The DDAP-III program proposed rule invites public comments for 30 calendar days on proposed program provisions and requirements. The public comment period will begin upon the publication of the proposed rule in FR on November 26, 2007, and will end on December 26, 2007.

Comments **must** be received by December 26, 2007, for consideration. All responses to public comments received will be summarized and included in the final rule.

B Accessibility of Proposed Rule

The DDAP-III program proposed rule can be found on the Price Support web page located at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=prsu&topic=landing>.

C Action

State and County Offices with Presidential and Secretarial natural disaster declarations during the period of January 1, 2005, through February 28, 2007, and those under an Administrator's Physical Loss Notification during the same period, shall notify producers of the contents of this notice through all available sources.