

For: State and County Offices

MILC Program Closeout Procedures

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Signup for the MILC program began December 22, 2008. As of the issuance date of this notice, legislation to extend the program beyond the authorized deadline has **not** been enacted. Therefore, signup for the MILC program will end on September 30, 2012, as provided by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

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 is **September 30, 2012**. Completed CCC-580's and CCC-580M's must be submitted to the County Office where the dairy operation is physically located or the administrative County Office by **COB September 30, 2012**. Applications received after the deadline date will **not** be approved. This includes FAXed CCC-580's and CCC-580M's.

**Note:** The application deadline falls on a weekend. Therefore, the last business day that County Offices can accept applications is September 28, 2012. Applications received by mail with a postmark date no later than September 30, 2012, may be accepted.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
December 1, 2012	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 2 MILC Deadlines (Continued)

#### 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 eligible months by **COB November 1, 2012**.

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

#### C Application and Payment Processing Deadline

The County Office deadline for completing the processing of MILC applications is **COB December 28, 2012**. After **December 28, 2012**:

- no CCC-580's and CCC-580M's may be recorded in the application processing software
- all payment processing by County Offices **must** be completed.

**Notes:** Additional MILC funds needed to complete CCC-580's and CCC-580M's processing may be requested from the National Office by the State Office according to subparagraph 3 C.

MILC software will remain available beyond the deadline date for limited cases, such as bankruptcy and corrections, with approval from the National Office.

### 3 Action

#### A County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- comply with the instructions provided in this notice
- see 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 marketing cooperatives
  - dairy producers
  - milk handlers
  - other interested parties.

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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 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.

<b>IF...</b>	<b>THEN contact...</b>
questions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• policy</li><li>• procedure</li></ul>	Dani Cooke by either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• e-mail at <b>danielle.cooke@wdc.usda.gov</b></li><li>• telephone at 202-720-1919.</li></ul>
automation issues	Asime Atuboyedia by either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• e-mail at <b>asime.atuboyedia@wdc.usda.gov</b></li><li>• telephone at 202-720-8223.</li></ul>
requests for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• eFC access</li><li>• additional funds allocation</li></ul>	Stacy Carroll by either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• e-mail at <b>stacy.carroll@wdc.usda.gov</b></li><li>• telephone at 202-690-8037.</li></ul>