

For: State and County Offices

Impacts of the 2018 Farm Bill Expiration and Price Support Programs

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, commonly known as the 2018 Farm Bill, was extended by the 2024 Appropriations Act. The Continuing Appropriations and Extension Act, 2025, was signed by the President on September 26, 2024, and extended some of the provisions of the 2018 Farm Bill through December 20, 2024, or for the 2024 crop/program year.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of the Price Support (PS) programs that will be impacted upon expiration of The Continuing Appropriations and Extension Act, 2025.

Note: If a new Farm Bill becomes law or new legislation is enacted to reauthorize or extend authority beyond December 20, 2024, a new notice will follow with instructions on how to proceed.

C Contact

If there are questions about this notice, contact the program manager for the applicable program according to the following table.

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2 2018 Farm Bill Expiration

A Impacts on PS Programs

The following table lists PS Programs and the impact the expired 2018 Farm Bill will have on the respective programs.

Price Support Program	Impact of the Expired 2018 Farm Bill
Dairy Indemnity Payment Program (DIPP)	Will expire December 20, 2024. (see subparagraph B)
Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC)	No: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • impact for 2024 DMC • DMC authority to open 2025 DMC signup • authority beginning January 2025. (see subparagraph C)
Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) Sugar Storage Facility Loan (SSFL)	No impact. (see subparagraph D)
Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL's), Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's), or Graze-Out Payments	No: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • impact on 2024 crop year • authority for 2025 crop year. (see subparagraph E)
Reimbursement Transportation and Cost Payment (RTCP) Program	Expired September 30, 2024. (see subparagraph F)
Sugar Loan Program	No impact for 2024 crop loans.
Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program 2024	No impact.

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B Expiration of DIPP

DIPP is available to dairy farmers for milk, or cows producing milk and manufacturers of dairy products who have been directed to remove their milk or dairy products from commercial markets because of the presence of certain chemical or toxic residue in the products.

The Continuing Appropriations and Extension Act, 2025 authorized an extension of the DIPP program through December 20, 2024.

Effective October 1, 2024, FSA will:

- not approve any FY 2025 DIPP applications (new Farm Bill authorization is required)
- continue to process, approve or disapprove FY 2024 DIPP applications received before October 1, 2024.

C Expiration of DMC

DMC is a calendar year program and while affected by the Farm Bill expiration any 2024 DMC triggered margin payment will process up to February 2025. County Offices may continue to process 2024 production history modifications in the DMC software up to December 31, 2024.

The 2025 DMC Coverage Election Period will **not** be authorized until either a 2018 Farm Bill extension occurs, or a new Farm Bill is enacted.

D FSFL and SSFL Continuation

FSFL and SSFL are authorized to continue and will not expire, unless legislation is received to rescind the program authority.

E MAL's, LDP's, and Graze-Out Continuation

MAL's provide producers with interim financing at harvest time to meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows. LDP's or Graze-Out payments are taken in lieu of a loan.

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E MAL's, LDP's, and Graze-Out Continuation (Continued)

The Continuing Appropriations and Extension Act, 2025 authorized an extension of the MAL's, LDP's, and Graze-Out programs through crop year 2024, which is equivalent to the final loan or LDP availability date per commodity. The MAL/LDP availability varies by commodity and can be found in 8-LP, subparagraph 226 C. The final MAL/LDP availability dates for crop year 2024 are:

- January 31, 2025, for peanuts, wool, and mohair
- March 31, 2025, for small grains, honey, seed cotton, and various minor oilseeds
- May 31, 2025, for course feed grains, rice, other minor oilseeds, and cotton.

Repayments can be accepted at any date.

Activity for crop year 2025 has **not** been authorized.

F Expiration of the RTCP Program

The RTCP Program is available to geographically disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in Alaska, Hawaii, and insular areas who paid to transport either of the following:

- an agricultural commodity
- an input used to produce an agricultural commodity.

State and County Offices must continue to process, approve or disapprove FY 2024 RTCP applications received during the RTCP application period according to Notice SP-120.

RTCP for FY 2025 is subject to a new Farm Bill authorization and appropriated funding.

3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices must:

- ensure that County Offices follow instructions in this notice
- contact PSD with questions about this notice according to subparagraph 1 C.

B County Office Action

County Offices must read and follow the provisions of this notice.