

For: State and County Offices

Issuing FY 2013 MILC Payments

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Notice LD-629, Web Application Transmittal No. 315, and Information Bulletin No. 6275 announced the continuation of MILC program benefits through September 30, 2013.

On March 1, 2013, MILC software was taken offline because of Sequestration that effectively suspended processing MILC payments.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of the:

- authorization to begin processing FY 2013 MILC payments
- announced MILC payment rates
- processing of prompt payment interest.

2 Processing MILC Payments

A Issuing Payments for Multiple Contract Periods

County Offices are now authorized to start processing FY 2013 MILC payments beginning May 8, 2013.

Important: MILC payments **must** be issued consecutively for the months in which payment rates are in effect, beginning with the FY 0213 start month selected by the dairy operation, through the earlier of the following:

- maximum eligible production cap is reached
- end of FY.

Disposal Date	Distribution
July 1, 2013	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Processing MILC Payments (Continued)

B MILC Payment Rates

The following are the FY 2013 MILC payment rates for the contract periods of October 2012 through March 2013.

Month	MILC Payment Rate
October 2012	\$0.0236798
November 2012	\$0.0000000
December 2012	\$0.0000000
January 2013	\$0.1179986
February 2013	\$0.5222389
March 2013	\$0.7545603

C Prompt Payment Interest

As applicable, prompt payment interest applies. County Offices have 60 calendar days to issue payment from the latter of the date all production evidence and supporting documentation is received, or the date the final MILC payment rate adjusted for feed costs is known and made available.

Month	Date Payment Rate Known
October 2012	January 2, 2013 Note: The date the MILC payment rate is known for October 2012 is based on the date the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 was enacted authorizing MILC program benefits for FY 2013.
January 2013	February 28, 2013
February 2013	March 27, 2013
March 2013	April 30, 2013

Note: For prompt payment interest purposes, County Offices shall enter in the MILC software, as the date production evidence was received for the applicable month, the later of the following:

- date the payment rate is known, as identified in this table
- date the production evidence was received in the County Office.

D Contacts

If there are questions about this notice, State Offices shall contact the appropriate individual according to the following.

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