

**For:** State and County Offices

**Announcing Signup Deadline for Registration and Coverage Election for 2018  
Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers (MPP-Dairy)**

**Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs

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## **1 Overview**

### **A Background**

The annual coverage election period for calendar year 2018 MPP-Dairy coverage began September 1, 2017, and will end on December 15, 2017. Dairy operations can register for 2018 coverage in MPP-Dairy or can opt out of coverage under the program for the 2018 coverage year only.

Dairy operations that choose to register for buy-up coverage for 2018 must submit coverage elections on CCC-782 and pay the \$100 administrative fee to the applicable County Office by COB December 15, 2017. Registrations for 2018 CAT-coverage elections by participating dairy operations may be submitted on CCC-782 along with the \$100 administrative fee through COB October 31, 2018. All outstanding balances for 2017 must be paid in full before a dairy operation can be approved for 2018 coverage. Dairy operations that choose to opt out for coverage year 2018 are **not** required to submit CCC-782 during the 2018 annual coverage election period and are **not** required to pay the annual administrative fee of \$100 for 2018.

On December 6, 2017, the National Office mailed out the 2018 annual coverage election deadline reminder postcards (Exhibit 1) to those with 2017 contracts that have not yet registered for 2018.

**NOTE:** County Offices are **not** required to mail out the reminder postcard of 2018 sign-up deadline since the National Office is mailing postcard reminders.

### **B Purpose**

This notice provides State and County Offices with a copy of the postcard reminding producers of the December 15, 2017, deadline for the annual coverage election period for 2018.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
April 1, 2018	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 1 Overview (Continued)

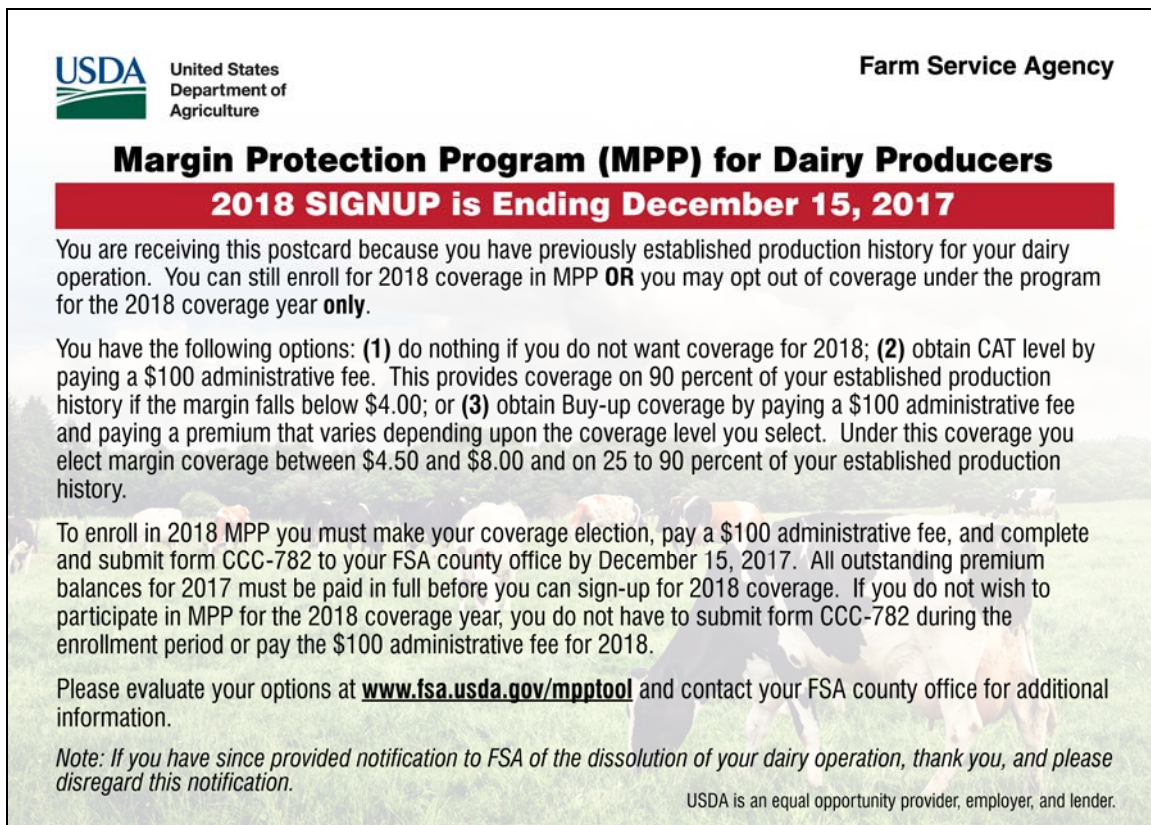
#### C Contact

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**MPP-Dairy 2018 Annual Coverage Deadline Reminder Postcard**

The following is a copy of the MPP-Dairy 2018 annual coverage deadline reminder postcard.



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Department of  
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**Margin Protection Program (MPP) for Dairy Producers**

**2018 SIGNUP is Ending December 15, 2017**

You are receiving this postcard because you have previously established production history for your dairy operation. You can still enroll for 2018 coverage in MPP **OR** you may opt out of coverage under the program for the 2018 coverage year **only**.

You have the following options: **(1)** do nothing if you do not want coverage for 2018; **(2)** obtain CAT level by paying a \$100 administrative fee. This provides coverage on 90 percent of your established production history if the margin falls below \$4.00; or **(3)** obtain Buy-up coverage by paying a \$100 administrative fee and paying a premium that varies depending upon the coverage level you select. Under this coverage you elect margin coverage between \$4.50 and \$8.00 and on 25 to 90 percent of your established production history.

To enroll in 2018 MPP you must make your coverage election, pay a \$100 administrative fee, and complete and submit form CCC-782 to your FSA county office by December 15, 2017. All outstanding premium balances for 2017 must be paid in full before you can sign-up for 2018 coverage. If you do not wish to participate in MPP for the 2018 coverage year, you do not have to submit form CCC-782 during the enrollment period or pay the \$100 administrative fee for 2018.

Please evaluate your options at [www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool) and contact your FSA county office for additional information.

*Note: If you have since provided notification to FSA of the dissolution of your dairy operation, thank you, and please disregard this notification.*

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