

Missouri Department of Agriculture
MISSOURI AGRICULTURAL AND SMALL BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

DAIRY PRODUCER MARGIN INSURANCE
PREMIUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

(Note: This document refers to the USDA/FSA
Margin Protection Program (MPP) for Dairy Producers)
Premiums for calendar years 2015, 2016, and 2017

Legal Authorization: Chapter 261.280 RSMo Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015

A. Description and Purpose

The Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015 authorized the Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) to establish and administer, through the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority (MASBDA), a dairy producer margin insurance premium assistance program. The program is available to dairy producers who participate in the federal margin protection program for dairy producers (MPP-Dairy) as contained in the federal Agricultural Act of 2014 ("The Farm Bill").

B. Definitions and Terms

Application Deadline - For the 2015, 2016, and 2017 calendar years Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers (MPP-Dairy) premiums, completed application, application fee, and supporting documentation must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Applications can be mailed or delivered. Late applications will not be accepted.

Eligible Dairy Producer - The authorized representative (must match name of representative on the USDA Form CCC-782 of a dairy operation located in Missouri who provides proof of fully paid participation in the federal Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers (MPP-Dairy).

Federal Premium - Amount paid to the USDA for participation in the Dairy Margin Protection Program (MPP-Dairy), on an annual basis.

Margin Protection Program - The federal Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy) contained in the federal Agricultural Act of 2014 ("The Farm Bill").

Margin Protection Premium Reimbursement Rate – The Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act authorizes

seventy percent (70%) of the federal premium payment, up to a maximum premium reimbursement rate of thirty-four cents per hundredweight of milk, as certified on USDA Form CCC-782. ***However, If total eligible application amounts exceed cash availability, premium reimbursements to producers will be pro-rated by total available funding to the program.***

Pounds of Production - Producer's production history measured in pounds for the dairy operation, as certified on USDA Form CCC-782 (Box 15).

USDA/FSA – United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency is the federal agency that administers the Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers (MPP-Dairy).

C. Eligibility Qualifications

Applicants must:

- Be the authorized representative of a dairy operation located in Missouri at the time of application.
- Provide documentation of participation and full premium payment in the USDA's MPP-Dairy for each year requesting reimbursement.
- Provide proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residence

A new "start-up" dairy is eligible for reimbursement if the confirmation letter from the USDA Administrative County confirming the coverage dates and amount of payment is attached to the application.

A dairy producer who ceased milking during 2015, 2016, or 2017, yet was enrolled in the MPP-Dairy program with the premium paid in full on a pro-rata basis for the coverage year, is eligible for reimbursement if the confirmation letter from the USDA Administrative County confirming the coverage dates and amount of payment is attached to the application.

One premium reimbursement payment will be made per dairy operation. If the dairy operation has multiple shareholders (as noted on the USDA Form CCC-782), it is the responsibility of the applicant to distribute the reimbursement payment accordingly among shareholders.

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) administrative fee of \$100 is not eligible for the premium reimbursement.

MASBDA reserves the right to ask the applicant, or FSA, for additional information necessary to ensure program eligibility.

D. Application Process

The following documents must be received by the deadline of 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 28, 2018:

1. **Completed application form** - provided by MASBDA
2. **Copy of completed USDA CCC-782** documenting the annual premium coverage elected for

each coverage year for which reimbursement is requested, signed by both producer(s) and USDA/FSA administrative office.

3. **Copy of the FSA National Receipts & Receivables System (NRRS) Receipt(s)** which confirm full payment of each applicable premium for the coverage year, or equivalent documentation from FSA which verifies full payment.
4. **Application fee** made payable to MASBDA.
5. **Completed State of Missouri Vendor Input Form (available with application).** The premium reimbursement payments will be made by the State of Missouri. Any person or business being paid by the State of Missouri is considered a “vendor.”

The name, taxpayer id, mailing address, and telephone number must match the information provided on the application form. Signatures are required in two places (at black “X” and at the bottom of the form). **Return this form directly to MASBDA with the rest of the required application information!**

Reimbursement payments will be made by check, unless the bank information (and signature of bank representative) is completed on the Vendor Input Form authorizing the State of Missouri to deposit the reimbursement directly into the producer’s bank account.

6. **Documentation the applicant is a U.S. citizen, permanent resident of the U.S., or is lawfully present in the U.S.** such as:
 - Copy of a valid Missouri driver’s license
 - U.S. birth certificate
 - U.S. Passport (valid or expired)
 - U.S. Certificate of Citizenship, Naturalization, or Birth Abroad or
 - Any other document issued by the federal government affirming legal residence.

Upon receipt of completed reimbursement application, proof of MPP-Dairy program enrollment, proof of full premium payments, application fee, and all other supporting documentation listed above, the eligible reimbursement amount will be presented for payment from the Missouri Dairy Industry Revitalization Fund.

E. Fee

A non-refundable administrative application fee payable to MASBDA must accompany the completed application. The application fee is:

- a. \$25 if requesting reimbursement for one year MPP-Dairy premium
- b. \$50 if requesting reimbursement for two years’ MPP-Dairy premium
- c. \$75 if requesting reimbursement for three years’ MPP-Dairy premium

G. Calculation of Reimbursement
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Funding is subject to cash availability. If total eligible application amounts exceed cash availability and current appropriation authority, premium reimbursement payments to producers will be pro-rated by total available funding to the program. All payments will be final.

H. Submission of Information

Applications and attachments must be received by:

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Applications may be mailed or delivered to:

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