
USDA Reminds Dairy Producers of December 11, 2020 Deadline for 2021 Safety-Net Enrollment

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SPRINGFIELD, Illinois, December 7, 2020 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture reminds dairy producers that the deadline to enroll in [Dairy Margin Coverage \(DMC\)](#) for calendar year 2021 is Friday, December 11, 2020. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) opened DMC signup in October to help producers manage economic risk brought on by milk price and feed cost disparities.

The DMC program, created by the [2018 Farm Bill](#), offers reasonably priced protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.

Complete 2021 Enrollment/Evaluate Coverage Options

For DMC enrollment, producers must certify with FSA that the operation is commercially marketing milk, sign all required forms, and pay the \$100 administrative fee unless the dairy operation qualifies for a limited resource, beginning, socially disadvantaged, or military veteran farmers and ranchers waiver.

Producers interested in DMC have the option to select a \$4.00 catastrophic level of coverage with no premium fee or they can choose to buy-up coverage where the premium is based on margin triggers between \$4.50 and \$9.50 on 5 to 95 percent of established production history.

To determine the appropriate level of DMC coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can utilize the recently updated online dairy [decision tool](#). The decision tool is designed to demonstrate the historical performance of DMC and assist producers with calculating total premium costs and administrative fees associated with participation in DMC. An [informational video](#) is available, too.

More Information

For more information, visit [farmers.gov DMC webpage](https://farmers.gov), or contact your local USDA Service Center. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

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