

For: State and County Offices

MILC Program Closeout Procedures

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 authorized the MILC program through FY 2012. The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA) authorized the continuation of MILC program benefits through FY 2013. Legislation to extend the program beyond the authorized deadline has **not** been enacted. Therefore, signup for the MILC program ended on September 30, 2013, as provided by ATRA.

B Purpose

This notice provides State and County Offices with instructions for closing out the MILC program.

2 MILC Deadlines

A Application Deadline

The application deadline to signup for MILC program benefits was **September 30, 2013**. Applications received after the deadline date will **not** be approved, including FAXed CCC-580's.

Disposal Date	Distribution
February 1, 2014	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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B Production Evidence Deadline

Verifiable production evidence that confirms the dairy operation's eligible production and commercial milk marketings **must** be provided to County Offices **before** any payment will be issued to the dairy operation. To obtain MILC benefits for all previous months for which a MILC payment rate was in effect, producers must provide the dairy operation's final production evidence and any supporting documentation, including CCC-580M's, if not already submitted, for eligible months by **COB November 1, 2013**.

Note: Any dairy operation that cannot provide the required documentation to the satisfaction of COC will be ineligible for MILC program benefits.

C Application and Payment Processing Deadline

The County Office deadline for completing the processing of MILC applications is **COB December 31, 2013**. After **December 31, 2013**:

- no CCC-580's and CCC-580M's may be recorded in the application processing software
- all payment processing by County Offices **must** be completed.

Notes: Additional MILC funds needed to complete CCC-580's and CCC-580M's processing may be requested from the National Office by the State Office according to subparagraph 3 C.

MILC software will remain available beyond the deadline date for limited cases, such as bankruptcy and corrections, with approval from the National Office.

3 Action

A County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- comply with the instructions provided in this notice
- see 11-LD for MILC policy and procedures
- request additional funds for MILC payment processing through the State Office, as needed
- notify the following of the contents of this notice:
 - dairy marketing cooperatives
 - dairy producers
 - milk handlers
 - other interested parties.

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B State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- ensure that County Offices immediately notify all interested parties of the contents of this notice using all available sources
- see 11-LD for MILC policy and procedures
- contact the National Office as necessary according to subparagraph C.

C National Office Contact Information

Contacts are provided in the following table.

IF there are...	THEN contact...
questions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• policy• procedure	Dani Cooke by either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• e-mail at danielle.cooke@wdc.usda.gov• telephone at 202-720-1919.
automation issues	Asime Atuboyedia by either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• e-mail at asime.atuboyedia@wdc.usda.gov• telephone at 202-720-8223.
requests for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• eFC access• additional funds allocation	Stacy Carroll by either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• e-mail at stacy.carroll@wdc.usda.gov• telephone at 202-690-8037.