

For: State and County Offices

**Announcing Signup Deadline for Registration and Coverage Election for 2017
Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers (MPP-Dairy)**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Annual Coverage Deadline Reminder Postcard

A Background

The annual coverage election period for calendar year 2017 MPP-Dairy coverage began July 1, 2016 and will end on December 16, 2016. Participating dairy operations that registered for 2015 and/or 2016 coverage are required to participate in the MPP-Dairy program through 2018 with at least CAT level coverage.

On November 29, 2016, the National Office mailed out the 2017 annual coverage deadline reminder postcards (Exhibit 1) to those with 2016 contracts that have not yet registered for 2017.

Note: County Offices are not required to mail out the reminder letter of 2017 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 16, 2016, deadline for the annual coverage election period for 2017.

C Contact

If there are questions about this notice, State Offices shall contact either of the following according to this table.

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MPP-Dairy 2017 Annual Coverage Deadline Reminder Postcard

The following is a copy of the MPP-Dairy 2017 annual coverage deadline reminder postcard.

Margin Protection Program (MPP) for Dairy Producers**2017 SIGNUP is Ending December 16, 2016**

You are receiving this postcard because you have previously established production history for your dairy operation. If you participated in 2015 and/or 2016 MPP, you are obligated to participate in MPP through 2018 with at least the catastrophic (CAT) level of coverage.

You are eligible for the following coverage levels: (1) CAT level with a \$4.00 margin trigger that will pay on 90 percent of your established production history if the margin falls below \$4.00; or (2) Buy-up levels that require you to pay a premium based on your elected margin trigger between \$4.50 and \$8.00 and on 25 to 90 percent of your established production history.

To enroll in 2017 MPP you must make your coverage elections, pay a \$100 administrative fee, and complete and submit form CCC-782 to your FSA county office by **December 16, 2016**.

Please evaluate your options at www.fsa.usda.gov/MPPTool and contact your FSA county office for additional information.

Note: If you have already registered, thank you, and please disregard this postcard.

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