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New Jersey Dairy Producers,

The New Jersey Legislature added a provision to the FY 2022 budget to assist dairy farmers. This legislation, signed by Governor Murphy, enables the Department to draft a program to assist dairy farmers with the premium payments for the 2022 USDA Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) Program.

The program is for reimbursement of the sign-up costs as well as buy up premiums for coverage levels selected and paid by the eligible milk producers for the DMC Tier 1 level coverage of enrollment.

Here are further specifics of the program:

- The producer must have been enrolled in the 2022 USDA Dairy Margin Coverage program by the closing date of March 25, 2022.
- Applicants for reimbursement are required to register for New Jersey's Procurement Portal (NJSTART) at www.njstart.gov by May 20, 2022. The NJSTART program is designed to streamline the procurement process and make it more efficient for companies looking to do business with the State. This registration (which is easy and takes only a few minutes to complete) is required to receive your reimbursement of the DMC Tier 1 level coverage premiums. If you have previously been registered in NJSTART, be sure to check the information in your account to avoid delays in processing of a reimbursement. Please note that registering for NJSTART is a two-step process, you will need to check your email after your initial NJSTART application to complete your registration.
- You will be required to show proof of full payment to the New Jersey USDA-FSA office. An acceptable form is Form CCC-801 which can be provided by your local FSA office once payment has been made. The CCC-801 submitted must be for 2022 DMC coverage and show a \$0 (zero) balance due prior to it being submitted to the Department for reimbursement.
- All forms and proof of payment must be submitted on or before June 1, 2022 by the producer in order to expedite processing and to clear payments in a timely manner prior

to the close of the New Jersey State fiscal year. Only one reimbursement payment will be issued per applicant.

- While the DMC program does not require premium payment until the Sept 1, 2022 deadline, in order to receive reimbursement through the Department, premiums must be made in advance of the FSA established deadline.
- The Department shall reimburse eligible applicants in the order in which the Department receives administratively complete applications. The Department shall have the discretion to determine when an application is administratively complete.
- Directions to submit the Department's reimbursement application and the CCC-801 form is outlined on the bottom of the application.
- The Department expects all administratively complete and approved applications shall have reimbursement payments issued within a two-week period from the date of receipt by the Department.
- After funds are exhausted, applicants shall no longer be eligible for reimbursement from the Department unless or until additional funds are appropriated to the Assistance Program.

If any producer has questions regarding the reimbursement program, they are encouraged to contact Daniel Wunderlich, Coordinator Dairy Program and Enforcement via email daniel.wunderlich@ag.nj.gov or by phone (609) 913-6521.



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