

available supporting documents to assist the county FSA office in verifying that the dairy operation produced and marketed milk commercially during the fourth quarter of 1998 and the base period milk marketings indicated on Form CCC-1040. Examples of supporting documentation include, but are not limited to: tank records, milk handler records, milk marketing payment stubs, daily milk marketings, copies of any payments received as compensation from other sources, or any other documents available to confirm the production and production history of the dairy operation. In the event that supporting documentation is not presented to the county FSA office requesting the information, dairy operations will be determined ineligible for benefits.

§ 1430.506 Payment rate and dairy operation payment.

(a) Payments under this subpart may be made to dairy operations only on the first 26,000 cwt of milk produced by them from cows in the United States actually marketed in the United States during the base period. A payment rate will be determined after the conclusion of the application period, and shall be calculated by:

- (1) Converting whole pounds of milk to cwt;
- (2) Totaling the eligible cwt (not to exceed 26,000 cwt) of milk marketed commercially during the base period from all approved applications; and
- (3) Dividing the amount available for Dairy Market Loss Assistance Program by the total eligible cwt submitted and approved for payment.

(b) Each dairy operation payment will be calculated by multiplying the payment rate determined in paragraph (a) (3) of this section by the dairy operation's eligible production.

(c) In the event that approval of all eligible applications would result in expenditures in excess of the amount available, CCC shall reduce the payment rate in such manner as CCC, in its sole discretion, finds fair and reasonable.

§ 1430.507 Misrepresentation and scheme or device.

(a) A dairy operation shall be ineligible to receive assistance under this program if it is determined by the State committee or the county committee to have:

- (1) Adopted any scheme or device which tends to defeat the purpose of this program;
- (2) Made any fraudulent representation; or
- (3) Misrepresented any fact affecting a program determination.

(b) Any funds disbursed pursuant to this part to a dairy operation engaged in a misrepresentation, scheme, or device, or to any other person as a result of the dairy operation's actions, shall be refunded with interest together with such other sums as may become due. Any dairy operation or person engaged in acts prohibited by this section and any dairy operation or person receiving payment under this subpart shall be jointly and severally liable for any refund due under this section and for related charges. The remedies provided in this subpart shall be in addition to other civil, criminal, or administrative remedies which may apply.

§ 1430.508 Maintaining records.

Dairy operations making application for benefits under this program must maintain accurate records and accounts that will document that they meet all eligibility requirements specified in this subpart and the pounds of milk marketed commercially during the fourth quarter of 1998 and the base period. Such records and accounts must be retained for at least three years after the date of the cash payment to dairy operations under this program.

§ 1430.509 Refunds; joint and several liability.

(a) In the event there is a failure to comply with any term, requirement, or condition for payment arising under the application, or this subpart, and if any refund of a payment to CCC shall otherwise become due in connection with the application, or this subpart, all payments made under this subpart to any dairy operation shall be refunded to CCC together with interest