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normal milk production that is sold on the commercial market.

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§ 1430.501 Administration.

(a) The provisions of §§1430.351, 1430.352, 1430.354, 1430.355, and 1430.360 shall be applied to this subpart in the same manner as they are applied to the subpart in which they are located.

(b) The provisions of §§1430.1 through 1430.349, 1430.353, 1430.356 through 1430.359, 1430.361 through 1430.362, and 1430.400 through 1430.410 are not applicable to this subpart.

(c) This subpart shall be administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) under the general direction and supervision of the Executive Vice President, CCC or designee. The program shall be carried out in the field by State and county FSA committees under the general direction and supervision of the State and county FSA committees.

(d) State and county committees, and representatives and employees thereof, do not have the authority to modify or waive any of the provisions of the regulations in this subpart.

(e) The State committee shall take any action required by this subpart which has not been taken by the county committee. The State committee shall also:

(1) Correct, or require a county committee to correct, any action taken by such county committee which is not in accordance with the regulations of this subpart; or

(2) Require a county committee to withhold taking any action which is not in accordance with the regulations of this subpart.

(f) No delegation in this subpart to a State or county committee shall preclude the Executive Vice President, CCC, or a designee, from determining any question arising under the program or from reversing or modifying any determination made by a State or county committee.

(g) The Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, FSA, may authorize State and county committees to waive or modify deadlines and other program requirements in cases where timeliness

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or failure to meet such other requirements does not adversely affect the operation of the program.

§ 1430.502 Definitions.

The definitions set forth in this section shall be applicable for all purposes of administering the Dairy Market Loss Assistance Program established by this subpart.

Application means the Dairy Market Loss Assistance Program Payment application, CCC-1040.

Application period means April 12, 1999 through February 28, 2001.

Base period means the calendar year, either 1997 or 1998, as selected by the dairy operation, during which milk was produced and marketed.

Commodity Credit Corporation means the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Dairy operation means any person or group of persons who as a single unit as determined by CCC, produce and market milk commercially produced from cows and whose production and facilities are located in the United States.

Department means the United States Department of Agriculture.

Deputy Administrator means the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs (DAFP), Farm Service Agency (FSA) or a designee.

Eligible production means milk that had been produced by cows in the United States and marketed commercially in the United States anytime during the 1997 and or 1998 calendar year, subject to a maximum of 26,000 cwt per dairy operation.

Farm Service Agency or FSA means the Farm Service Agency of the Department.

Fourth quarter of 1998 means the period from October 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

Marketed commercially means sold to the market to which the dairy operation normally delivers whole milk and receives a monetary amount.

Milk handler means the marketing agency to or through which the producer commercially markets whole milk.

Milk marketing means a marketing of milk for which there is a verifiable sales or delivery record of milk marketed for commercial use.

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Person means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, estate, trust, association, cooperative, or other business enterprise or other legal entity who is, or whose members are, a citizen or citizens of, or legal resident alien or aliens in the United States.

Secretary means the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture or any other officer or employee of the Department who has been delegated the authority to act in the Secretary's stead with respect to the program established in this part.

United States means the 50 States of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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§ 1430.503 Time and method for application.

(a) Dairy operations may obtain an application, Form CCC-1040 (Dairy Market Loss Assistance Program Payment Application), in person, by mail, by telephone, or by facsimile from any county FSA office. In addition, applicants may download a copy of the CCC-1040 at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dajfp/psd/>.

(b) A request for benefits under this subpart must be submitted on a completed Form CCC-1040. The Form CCC-1040 should be submitted to the county FSA office serving the county where the dairy operation is located but, in any case, must be received by the county FSA office by the close of business on February 28, 2001. Applications not received by the close of business on February 28, 2001, will be disapproved as not having been timely filed and the dairy operation will not be eligible for benefits under this program.

(c) All persons who share in the milk production of a dairy operation that marketed milk during the fourth quarter of 1998 must certify on the same CCC-1040 in order to obtain the total milk production of the dairy operation before the application is complete.

(d) The dairy operation requesting benefits under this subpart must certify with respect to the accuracy and truthfulness of the information provided in their application for benefits.

All information provided is subject to verification and spot checks by CCC. Refusal to allow CCC or any other agency of the Department of Agriculture to verify any information provided will result in a determination of ineligibility. Data furnished by the applicant will be used to determine eligibility for program benefits. Furnishing the data is voluntary; however, without it program benefits will not be approved. Providing a false certification to the Government is punishable by imprisonment, fines and other penalties.

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§ 1430.504 Eligibility.

(a) To be eligible to receive cash payments under this subpart, a dairy operation must:

(1) Have produced and marketed milk commercially in the United States anytime during the fourth quarter of 1998;

(2) Indicate all milk commercially marketed by all persons in the dairy operation during calendar year 1997 and 1998 to establish the base period for determining the total pounds of milk that will be converted to hundredweight (cwt) used for payment; and

(3) Apply for payments during the application period.

(b) A dairy operation must submit a timely application and comply with all other terms and conditions of this subpart and those that are otherwise contained in the application to be eligible for benefits under this subpart.

§ 1430.505 Proof of production.

(a) Dairy operations selected for spotchecks by CCC must, in accordance with instructions issued by the Deputy Administrator, provide adequate proof that the dairy operation was commercially marketing milk anytime during the fourth quarter of 1998. The dairy operation must also provide proof of production for the 1997 or 1998 calendar year to verify the base period. The documentary evidence of milk production claimed for payment shall be reported to CCC together with any supporting documentation under paragraph (b) of this section. The pounds of 1997 or 1998