

Subpart A—Dairy Product Price Support Program

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§ 1430.100 Applicability.

During the period beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending December 31, 2012, the Secretary of Agriculture will support the price of cheddar cheese, butter, and nonfat dry milk by providing a standing offer to purchase those products from eligible offerors. The products must be made from cow's milk produced in the United States. Purchases are subject to the terms and conditions in CCC's purchase announcements.

§ 1430.101 Definitions.

For purposes of this subpart, the following definitions apply:

CCC means the Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

Eligible offeror means the person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity obligated by the purchase agreement with CCC. The product must not have been sold before to another party and the offeror must be the manufacturer of the dairy product offered or a marketing cooperative for the manufacturer.

Net removals means, for a given period of time, the total dairy product purchased by CCC through the program in this subpart plus the quantity of the product exported through the Dairy Export Incentive Program (as authorized in 15 U.S.C. 713a–14), less the quantity sold by CCC for unrestricted use.

§ 1430.102 Eligible products.

(a) To be eligible for the program in this subpart, the products must be manufactured from dairy cow's milk produced in the United States, and must not have been previously owned by CCC. Dairy cow in this instance means an animal of the kind that produces the majority of dairy products in the United States and not, for example, cows of other species of animals such as yaks or oxen.

(b) Products will be purchased only from eligible offerors of the product, and only in carlot weights.

(c) The products purchased must be of the following grades and moisture content, as evidenced by USDA-issued inspection certificates:

(1) Block cheddar cheese must be U.S. Grade A or higher, and the moisture content must not exceed 38.5 percent;

(2) Barrel cheddar cheese must be U.S. Extra Grade, and the moisture content must not exceed 36.5 percent;

(3) Butter must be U.S. Grade A or higher;

(4) Nonfat dry milk must be U.S. Extra Grade, and the moisture content must not exceed 3.5 percent.

(d) CCC may require other terms and conditions of purchase, as specified in CCC's purchase announcement.

§ 1430.103 Purchase prices.

(a) CCC will offer to purchase products at the following prices for all regions of the United States:

(1) Cheddar cheese in blocks for not less than \$1.13 per pound; unless

(i) Net removals of cheese for a period of 12 consecutive months exceed 200,000,000 pounds, but do not exceed 400,000,000 pounds, in which case the CCC block cheese purchase price will be not less than \$1.03 per pound, during the immediately following month, or

(ii) Net removals of cheese for a period of 12 consecutive months exceed 400,000,000 pounds, in which case the CCC block cheese purchase price will be not less than \$0.93 per pound during the immediately following month;

(2) Cheddar cheese in barrels for \$0.03 per pound less than the cheddar cheese block price;

(3) Butter for not less than \$1.05 per pound; unless

(i) Net removals of butter for a period of 12 consecutive months exceed 450,000,000 pounds, but do not exceed 650,000,000 pounds, in which case the CCC butter purchase price will be not less than \$0.95 per pound during the immediately following month, or

(ii) Net removals of butter for a period of 12 consecutive months exceed 650,000,000 pounds, in which case the CCC butter purchase price will be not less than \$0.85 per pound during the immediately following month; and

(4) Nonfat dry milk for not less than \$0.80 per pound, unless