

AGRI Dairy Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative (DAIRI) Application

The DAIRI program provides financial assistance to Minnesota dairy cow operations that produced less than 16,000,000 lbs of milk in 2018 and that enrolled for five years of coverage in the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) Program which began January 1, 2019. Enrollment is between June 17, 2019 and September 20, 2019. The MDA anticipates making initial payments at \$0.10/cwt on up to 5,000,000 lbs as applications are received. Depending upon the number and size of claims received, producers may be eligible for an additional payment after the application deadline has passed. In no circumstance, will producers receive payments for milk produced over 5,000,000 lbs (although total production may be up to 16,000,000 lbs).

Applications must be postmarked no later than October 1, 2019.

First Name:	Last Name:	
Farm or Company Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Physical Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:	Phone:	

The following items need to be submitted to the MDA in order for your application to be considered complete:

Completed application form with your signature

Statement(s) from your processor(s) that show quantity of milk produced between 1/1/2018 and 12/31/2018. Self-completed worksheets and sales records will not be accepted

Completed copy of your DMC enrollment form

IRS Form W-9 (available at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>)

By signing here, I acknowledge that I have read and agreed to the Privacy Notice on page 2, and I hereby attest that the information I am submitting is true, complete, and accurate.

Applicants Signature:

Date:

Mail completed applications to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Attn: DAIRI, 625 Robert St N, St Paul, MN 55155. Applications must be postmarked no later than October 1, 2019.

To Be Completed by Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Claim Approved

Claim Denied; Reason:

CWT produced in 2018 (maximum: 50,000) _____ x \$0.10 = \$ _____ (Initial Payment)

CWT produced in 2018 (maximum: 50,000) _____ x \$0.XX = \$ _____ (Possible Second Payment)

What is the DAIRI program?

The DAIRI program provides financial assistance to small-medium sized dairy operations that participate in the USDA Farm Service Agency's Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program.

Am I eligible to apply?

You must be the principle operator of a Minnesota dairy cow operation that produced less than 16,000,000 pounds (160,000 cwt) of milk in 2018 and enrolled for five years of coverage of the DMC between June 17, 2019 and September 20, 2019.

How do I submit an application?

To participate in the program, you need to submit four documents to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture:

- Completed application form with your signature (available at www.mda.state.mn.us/dairi)
- Statement(s) from your processor(s) that show quantity of milk produced between 1/1/2018 and 12/31/2018. Self-completed worksheets and sales records will not be accepted.
- Completed copy of your DMC enrollment form
- IRS Form W-9 (available at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>)

Application materials must be sent to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Attn: DAIRI, 625 Robert St N, St Paul, MN 55155. Applications must be postmarked no later than October 1, 2019. Late applications will not be accepted.

How much and when will I be paid?

We will be making two payments to eligible producers based on the amount of milk produced in 2018, up to 50,000 cwt. You will get your first payment approximately 2-4 weeks after we receive your application. The payment amount will be based upon 10 cents per cwt. Here's an example of an initial payment:

$$25,000 \text{ cwt (2018 production)} \times \$0.10 = \$2,500 \text{ payment}$$

After DMC enrollment ends on September 20, 2019, we'll verify your enrollment for five years of DMC coverage with the Farm Service Agency to ensure eligibility for a second payment. The second payment amount will be determined based on the available funding and your 2018 production.

In no circumstance, will a producer be paid for milk produced over 50,000 cwt.

Where do I get more information?

More information about the DAIRI program is available on the program's webpage (www.mda.state.mn.us/dairi) or by contacting your local Farm Service Agency office (<https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=mn&agency=fsa>).

Privacy Notice

The information provided as part of the DAIRI application will be used to assess the applicant's eligibility to receive payment under the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation Program, and to fulfill applicable financial reporting requirements. Completing this application is voluntary; applicants are not legally required to provide MDA with the information requested, but only completed applications will be considered.

While much of the information applicants provide is classified by Minnesota law as public, some of the information (such as a Social Security number) may be classified by law as private or nonpublic at MDA. Data classified as private or nonpublic will be accessible only to MDA employees and contractors that have a work assignment that requires access to the data, and to other entities authorized by law to receive the data. MDA may be obligated to provide the data to law enforcement, Minnesota Management and Budget, the Office of the State Auditor, or the Office of the Legislative Auditor. Finally, private data about you may be released to third parties through your informed consent, or pursuant to a valid court order.

Internal Revenue Service code Section 6109 requires applicants to provide their correct taxpayer identification number to payers who must file information returns with the IRS. MDA will use the information provided on the applicant's W-9 form in order to report payments received as part of the DAIRI Program to the IRS. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of the applicant's tax return. For more information on how the information provided on a W-9 may be used, refer to the Privacy Act Notice on page 6 of the W-9 form.