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All previous published guidelines are null and void and these guidelines are effective July 1, 2019.



Milk Loss Program

Providing compensation to members experiencing milk income loss due to a weather-related disaster.



FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative's Milk Loss Program

The FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative Milk Loss Program is a benefit for members of FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative who are marketing their milk under a valid Milk Marketing Agreement with FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative. The program compensates members who sustain milk income loss, due to a natural disaster, through no fault of their own.

The Milk Loss Program is administered by FarmFirst Services LLC, a subsidiary of FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative. Milk loss claims under this program are categorized as follows:



Loss due to Electrocution or Lightning

The loss of milk income caused by the death of a milk cow by either lightning or electrocution shall be reimbursed at the rate of \$350.00 per cow. Verification of lightning or electrocution death must be made by a licensed veterinarian. A milk cow is considered as any cow after first calf until she leaves the herd.

Loss due to Impassable Roads due to Snow, Ice or Flooding

When loss of milk is due to the inability of the hauler to pick up, caused by accumulation of snow, ice, or flooding on public roads, claims may be made for no more than seventy five percent (75%) of the value of the milk loss not to exceed three (3) days production per occurrence. Proper documentation must accompany the claim.



Loss of Electric Power

Claims may be submitted for no more than seventy-five percent (75%) of production loss and/or the value of milk in the tank during the time of power outage when the outage is caused by a failure of the public utility to deliver electric power to the farm service entrance, for up to three (3) days production. Members are required to provide documentation from the public utility company describing the reason and duration of the loss of power and the actual loss of production.



Loss by Fire, Windstorm or Snow

When there is a loss of milk directly caused by damage to milking and cow housing facilities due to fire, windstorm, or to a barn collapse because of a snow occurrence/incident, a claim may be submitted.

All fire claims require a statement from the local fire authority official and/or a claim statement from the insuring casualty company. For windstorms and barn collapses, documentation, including pictures must accompany the claim.

Payment Limitations

Payments made under the FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative Milk Loss program for cow death or milk loss shall be limited to the total aggregate sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) in any calendar year to each licensed member farm.

Other Provisions

All losses shall be reported to the General Manager within thirty (30) days following a disaster for which a claim may be submitted.

