

## Lakeshore Federated Dairy Cooperative Disaster Assistance Program

The Disaster Program assists member-producers of FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative, Mid-West Dairymen's Company, and Rolling Hills Dairy Producers Cooperative who sustain milk income loss, due to a disaster, through no fault of their own.

Disaster assistance may be available to member-producers of named cooperatives who are marketing their milk under a valid Milk Marketing Agreement.

A Committee appointed by the Lakeshore Federated Dairy Cooperative (LFDC) Board of Directors shall administer the Disaster Assistance Program. The recommendations of the Committee relative to the assistance provided shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors, whose decision shall be final.



## Other Benefits through Lakeshore Federated Dairy Cooperative

- ❖ Full-time lobbyist in Washington DC. representing you on a National dairy policy trade and regulatory issues through membership in the Midwest Dairy Coalition
- ❖ Engage in multiple state dairy industry issues and other state regulatory areas such as milk transportation and handling protocols
- ❖ Provides a unified voice in Federal Milk Market Order hearing and active participation in other milk marketing issues
- ❖ Involved as an industry partner in market education & information as it pertains to the federal order

## Member Cooperatives



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Phone: (608) 244-3373



**MID-WEST** DAIRYMEN'S CO.

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# Disaster Benefits

Through Lakeshore Federated Dairy Cooperative



**MID-WEST** DAIRYMEN'S CO.



Plus Other Benefits!

# Member-Producers' Milk Loss Claims

## Under This Program Are Categorized As follows:

### Loss due to Electrocutation or Lightning

The loss of milk income caused by the death of a milk cow by either lightning or electrocution through a direct current shall be reimbursed at the rate of \$350.00 per cow. Verification of death by lightning or electrocution must be made by a licensed veterinarian.

### Loss of Electric Power

For the loss of milk income caused by a failure of a public utility to deliver electric power to the farm service entrance, assistance may be made for no more than 75% of production lost during the time of the power outage. Payments will be made for up to a maximum of 3 days. Proper documentation must be provided after a loss occurs.



### Loss due to Impassable Roads due to Snow or Flooding

For the loss of milk income caused by an accumulation of snow or flooding on a public road, causing inability to pick up milk. Assistance may be made for no more than 75% of production lost during the time of the impassable or flooded roads. Payments will be made for up to a maximum of 3 days. Members must have storage of at least 1 day's normal milking. Proper documentation must be provided after a loss occurs.

### Loss by Fire or Windstorm

Loss of milk income caused by fire or windstorm. Assistance may be provided when loss of milk or milk cows is directly caused by damage to milking and/or cow housing facilities by a fire or windstorm. Production history prior to and after the disaster occurrence will be used to determine the average production and subsequent loss. Assistance is available up to a maximum of 30 days following the disaster. Any fire category claim must have a submitted statement from a local fire department official and/or a claim statement from the insuring casualty company.

- ❖ Milk stored on the farm at the time of the disaster and, lost because of the disaster constitutes a loss and qualifies for assistance at 100% minus normal marketing deductions and charges which would have been deducted had the milk gone to market.
- ❖ For surviving cows or cows lost in the disaster, the percentage coverage depending on records or no records is a variable percentage rate.
- ❖ Members may be reimbursed an amount not to exceed \$500 dollars for one 1 month's barn rent or for establishing temporary milking facilities.



For complete details, contact your field representative for an official copy of the Disaster Program.



### Reporting:

All losses shall be reported to the member-producers cooperative within 60 days following a disaster.

### Program Administrative Guidelines:

- ❖ The determination of disaster loss shall remain within the discretion of the Board of Directors of LFDC.
- ❖ Assistance may be granted, modified, or denied by the Board of Directors in the event of a catastrophic event, upon receipt of the recommendation of the Committee.
- ❖ In no event should the benefit amount exceed \$30,000 per member farm per calendar year.

