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1. MPP Dairy Update –

Sign up for MPP began on Monday and will end on June 1, 2018. The program has changed and producers who can cover 5 million lbs. of milk or less will have a good chance to make money on this program. The cost to cover production over 5 million lbs. makes it less likely that those producers would see a benefit from participating.

Producers can use a web tool available at <https://DairyMarkets.org/MPP/Tool/> to calculate what their premiums and projected payments would be at various levels of coverage.

I have provided a fact sheet on MPP Dairy. I have also provided an example of a PROJECTED payment for a farm with a production history of 5,200,000 lbs. If the producer covers 90% of their production the fees and premiums would be \$7,202 and the expected payment would be \$34,117, resulting in a net return of \$26,915.

If any dairy producers ask about the Program please have them contact Patti or myself. The program was a major disappointment in the past, but the recent changes make it look like a wise investment for many dairy farmers.

2. AGRICULTURAL RISK COVERAGE & PRICE LOSS COVERAGE PROGRAM (ARC-PLC)

Sign up will run through August 1, 2018. Payments depend on the national average market price for the crop and the county yield reported to NASS. If payments are earned for 2017, they will be issued in October of 2018.