

Instructions

All dairy farmers who are in the process of applying but have not yet submitted their application, or have received a supplemental application, can claim September milk revenue losses.

To claim September milk losses you must follow this process:

- Select the September production line.
- Enter your estimated production pounds.
- Enter \$1.00 into the Federal/Blend Pay price field.
- For the milk check upload, attach this Preliminary Estimate document as a placeholder for your September milk check.

You will be required to finalize your application with your September milk check by the end of October. If this step is not completed, the September milk line item losses will be removed from your application, and we will review all other losses or expenses claimed.

September Milk Losses – Preliminary Estimate

By law, all Vermont COVID-19 Agriculture Assistance Program (VCAAP) Dairy Assistance applications are due by October 1, 2020. The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets (Agency) cannot unilaterally change this date but wants to allow dairy producers to be able to claim their September milk losses. The Agency recognizes that given the milk payment schedule, actual losses for September may not be known until approximately October 20, 2020.

If a dairy producer expects to have milk price losses in September and wants to claim those losses, the producer must submit an application claiming all losses by October 1, 2020 at 8:00 AM. If proof of September losses is not yet available, the Agency will request follow-up documentation for the September 2020 losses when it becomes available in October 2020.

Dairy producers can submit an application by October 1, 2020 at 8:00 AM that includes September milk losses through the following process. To claim milk pounds and price for September, the producer must submit pounds of milk for September by estimating milk pounds and a price of \$1.

This preliminary estimate document should be marked as “Preliminary Estimate” and must be uploaded as a placeholder for further documentation of actual losses once it becomes available on or around October 20, 2020.

Once proof of losses is available, the Agency will return the application with the estimated September losses and provide the applicant 7 days to upload the final pounds and milk price to prove actual losses for the month of September. If the applicant fails to upload the final documentation within 7 days (likely by October 28, 2020), then the line item indicating September milk production and price will be marked denied and removed from the award calculation, and the producer will be ineligible for any September milk revenue losses.

By uploading this preliminary estimate document as a placeholder for proof of actual losses, the applicant and Agency agree to this procedure to allow dairy producers to prove their September losses after submitting an application. Applications cannot be submitted or considered after October 1, 2020 at 8:00 AM.