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**Title 2—DEPARTMENT OF  
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**Division 100—Missouri Agricultural and  
Small Business Development Authority  
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Revitalization Programs**

**2 CSR 100-11.010 Dairy Producer Margin  
Insurance Premium Assistance Program**

*PURPOSE: This rule describes eligibility and application procedures for the dairy producer margin insurance premium assistance program.*

(1) Definitions. As used in this rule, the following shall mean:

(A) Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority (MASBDA)—the authority. The Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority was created by Chapter 348, RSMo;

(B) Eligible Dairy Producer—The authorized representative (must match name of representative on the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Margin Protection Program (MPP)-Dairy enrollment form) of a dairy operation located in Missouri who provides proof of fully paid participation in the federal Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy);

(C) Federal Premium—Amount paid to the USDA for participation in the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy) on an annual basis;

(D) Margin Protection Program—The federal Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy) contained in the federal Agricultural Act of 2014 (The Farm Bill);

(E) Margin Protection Premium Reimbursement Rate—Seventy percent (70%) of the federal premium payment, up to a maximum premium reimbursement rate of thirty-four (.34) cents per hundredweight of milk, as certified on the USDA MPP-Dairy enrollment form;

(F) Pounds of Production—Producer's production history measured in pounds for the dairy operation, as certified on the USDA MPP-Dairy enrollment form; and

(G) USDA/FSA—United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency is the federal agency that administers the Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers (MPP-Dairy).

(2) Operation of the Program.

(A) Eligibility—Applicant must be a dairy producer in the state of Missouri who participates in the federal Margin Protection Program for Dairy.

(B) Application—Dairy producers who wish

to be considered for the program shall apply with the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority on a form or forms provided by the authority prior to January first of each year. The authority will determine, on an annual basis, what documents are required to be submitted with the application to determine eligibility.

(C) Allocation—Upon approval by the authority, the eligible applicant shall receive reimbursement of seventy percent (70%) of the paid annual premium up to a maximum premium reimbursement rate of thirty-four (.34) cents per hundredweight of milk. Funding is subject to cash availability and current appropriation authority. If eligible application amounts exceed cash availability and current appropriation authority, reimbursement payments will be disbursed on a *pro rata* basis.

(D) Repayment of premium benefits—The authority may revoke, in full or part, any reimbursement payments if—1) any representation made to the authority in connection with an application proves to have been false when made; or 2) the application violates any conditions established by the authority.

(3) The Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority may charge an application fee in an amount to be determined on an annual basis to cover the costs associated with the implementation of the program.

*AUTHORITY: section 261.295, RSMo Supp. 2015.\* Original rule filed March 31, 2016, effective Sept. 30, 2016.*

*\*Original authority: 261.295, RSMo 2015.*

**2 CSR 100-11.020 Missouri Dairy Scholars  
Program**

*PURPOSE: This rule describes eligibility and application procedures for the Missouri Dairy Scholars Program.*

(1) Definitions. As used in this rule, the following shall mean:

(A) Agriculture-Related Degree—Programs offered by a two- (2-) year or four- (4-) year college or university in Missouri that include, but may not be limited to, the following program areas:

1. Agricultural Business/Economics;
2. Agricultural Education;
3. Agricultural Equipment/Power/Machinery;
4. Agricultural Communications/Journalism;
5. Agricultural Production;
6. Animal Health;
7. Biotechnology;

8. Farm Management;
9. Food Science/Nutrition;
10. Horticulture/Plant Science;
11. Landscape/Nursery/Turf Management; and
12. Soils;

(B) Dairy-Related Internship—a paid or unpaid work experience for at least three (3) months on a dairy farm or, with a dairy cooperative, dairy manufacturing plant, dairy equipment or feed or input provider, an agribusiness, commodity organization, or allied dairy service provider;

(C) Department—the Missouri Department of Agriculture;

(D) Missouri Agriculture Industry—farms and ranches involved in the production of food products; the agriculture supply and service businesses that support farmers and ranchers; the cooperatives, processors, and manufacturers that provide value added services and help transform the farmer's agricultural production into higher value products; and

(E) Scholarship—Payment in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), subject to appropriations to assist with the cost of an eligible student's tuition and fees at a two- (2-) year or four- (4-) year college or university in Missouri.

(2) Operation of the Program.

(A) Application—Eligible students as defined in section 261.285.3, RSMo, must apply to the Missouri Department of Agriculture on forms provided by the department. On an annual basis, the department will establish program guidelines and a deadline date for the acceptance of applications.

(B) Allocation—Upon approval by the department, the eligible student applicant will receive an award letter and scholarship funds will be forwarded to the college or university that the student identifies in the application. Funding is subject to cash availability and current appropriation authority.

(C) Repayment of scholarship benefits—The department may revoke, in full or part, any payments if—1) any representation made to the department in connection with an application proves to have been false when made; 2) the applicant violates any conditions established by the department; or 3) the applicant becomes ineligible for any reason under section 261.285, RSMo.

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