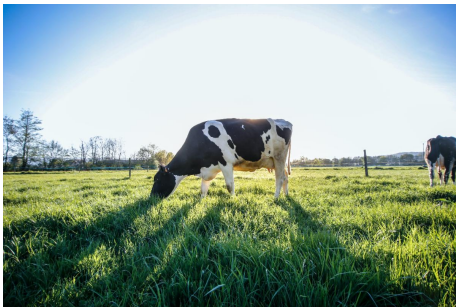


JUNE 15, 2021



**WESTERN ORGANIC DAIRY PRODUCERS
ALLIANCE**

USDA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL AID TO AG PRODUCERS AND BUSINESSES IN PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE FOR PRODUCERS INITIATIVE



WASHINGTON, June 15, 2021 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today additional aid to agricultural producers and businesses as part of the USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative. Earlier this year, Secretary Vilsack announced plans to use available pandemic assistance funds to address a number of gaps and disparities in previous rounds of aid. As part of the Pandemic Assistance

initiative announced in March, USDA pledged to continue Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) payments and to provide aid to producers and businesses left behind. Implementation of the assistance announced today will continue within 60 days to include support to timber harvesters, biofuels, dairy farmers and processors, livestock farmers and contract growers of poultry, assistance for organic cost share, and grants for PPE.

“USDA is honoring its commitment to get financial assistance to producers and critical agricultural businesses, especially those left out or underserved by previous COVID aid,” said Secretary Vilsack. “These investments through USDA Pandemic Assistance will help our food, agriculture and forestry sectors get back on track and plan for the future. Since January, USDA has provided more than \$11 billion of assistance directly to producers and food and agriculture business.”

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ORIGIN OF LIVESTOCK COMMENTS

WODPA will be submitting comments to the USDA on Origin of Livestock support closing loopholes for organic dairy producers. If you would like to share with us your story, comments, or financial impact on your dairy, we would encourage you to do so. Please email Jill Smith at jillpuredairy@gmail.com. The comment deadline



is July 12th 2021.

[View the National Organic Coalitions \(NOC\) Action alert for more information.](#)

We encourage you to submit your own comments on Origin of Livestock to support closing loopholes for organic dairy producers. [CLICK HERE TO USE TEMPLATE](#)

USDA TO BEGIN PAYMENTS FOR PRODUCERS IMPACTED BY 2018 AND 2019 NATURAL DISASTERS

Producers to Receive Assistance through the Quality Loss Adjustment Program and Additional Assistance through the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus

WASHINGTON, June 11, 2021 – More than \$1 billion in payments will be released over the next several weeks starting June 15 for agricultural producers with approved applications for the Quality Loss Adjustment (QLA) Program and for producers who have already received payments through the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+).

These U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs provide disaster assistance to producers who suffered losses to 2018 and 2019 natural disasters. Producers weathered some significant natural disasters in 2018 and 2019, and USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) provided support for crop value and production losses through QLA and crop quantity losses through WHIP+.

“From massive floods to winter storms, and from extreme drought to excess moisture, natural disaster events in 2018 and 2019 were exceptionally catastrophic for agricultural producers nationwide - many suffered the impacts of multiple events in not just one but both years,” said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. “FSA staff worked tirelessly for many months to develop and implement comprehensive disaster programs that meet the varying and unique needs of a large cross-section of U.S. production agriculture. QLA and the second round of WHIP+ assistance will provide much-needed assistance to help producers offset significant financial loss.”

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DROUGHT IN THE WEST

WODPA has heard from many producers about the drought in the west and concerns about meeting grazing requirements. The following information details the National Organic Program allowance and opportunity to request a temporary variance for your operation.

The National Organic Program regulations requires the following under **General Requirements for Certification 205.400(f)(2)**:

A person seeking to receive or maintain organic certification under the regulations in this part must: (f) Immediately notify the certifying agent concerning any: (2) Change in a certified operation or any



portion of a certified operation that may affect its compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part.

NOP 205.290 – Temporary Variances

NOP Program Handbook – NOP 2606 Instruction on Temporary Variances

It is an operations duty to let their certifier know at the earliest opportunity if they are concerned with their compliance to the act, in this case, the pasture rule. This may then lead to the opportunity to make a temporary variance request as an operation sees necessary.

Your certifier will let you know what additional information they need from you upon receiving your request.

See below for additional drought declaration resources:

- [US Drought Monitor](#)
- [FSA Disaster Designation Information](#)

WODPA supports efforts to comply with ALL pasture regulations under the National Organic Program.

However, we hope this information will be useful to those of you with emergency drought conditions.

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ORGANIC DAIRY MARKET NEWS

DAIRY MARKET NEWS, MAY 31 - JUNE 4, 2021 ORGANIC DAIRY MARKET NEWS VOLUME 48, REPORT 22
Information published May 24 - June 4, 2021

ORGANIC DAIRY FLUID OVERVIEW

Dutch Organic Milk Pay Price. In the Netherlands, a large processor of organic milk announced the June 2021 pay price for organic milk, unchanged from May 2021, is 48.75 EUR/10kg (currently \$70.48 USD). The organic milk producer supplies an average of 550,000 kilograms of milk, containing a fat content of 4.42 percent, protein content of 3.57 percent and a lactose content of 4.53 percent, on an annual basis.

Organic Milk Retail Prices for Selected U.S. Cities. The May 2021 in-store surveys of selected supermarkets in thirty U.S. cities reveal that the retail prices of organic whole milk, in half gallon containers, range from \$ 3.14 in Houston, TX, to \$5.54 in Pittsburgh, PA. The U.S. single average price, \$4.11, is up two pennies from April 2021.

Twenty-five of the additional eleven organic whole milk, in half gallon containers, showed prices did not change compared to April 2021 retail prices. The largest price increase, over the previous month, for organic whole milk in half gallon containers occurred in New York, NY, up 27 cents.

Operation of a U.S. economy that suffered major damages from a fire earlier this spring continue to work through challenges. The dairy operators previously took in 500,000 pounds of milk a day from nearby farms. The operators are working with regional processors. Reports indicate that most of the organic milk is being processed at other plants via conventional handling methods, as some operations do not have the operating capacity to handle the organic milk while still taking in milk from their own conventional producers.

For more additional information, access the links: <https://www.arn.usda.gov/organic/mktnews.pdf>

Organic Dairy Market News reports are released bi-weekly. They provide market condition information and analysis. The reports include unbiased data concerning market prices and volumes for organic milk and organic dairy products. This information comes from the USDA.

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The mission for the Western Organic Dairy Producers Alliance is to preserve, protect, and ensure the sustainability and integrity of organic dairy farming across the west.

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