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USDA Offers Assistance to Organic Dairy Farmers

On September 26, the USDA announced \$58 million available for marketing assistance to eligible organic dairy producers through the Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program (ODMAP) 2024 to help expand the market for organic dairy and increase the consumption of organic dairy. ODMAP 2024 helps mitigate market volatility, higher input and transportation costs, and unstable feed supply and prices that have created unique hardships in the organic dairy industry. Farm Service agency (FSA) is assisting organic dairy operations with projected marketing costs in 2024 calculated using their marketing costs in 2023.

Eligible producers include certified organic dairy operations that produce milk from cows, goats, and sheep. ODMAP 2024 provides for an increase in the payment rate to \$1.68 per hundredweight compared to the previous \$1.10 per cwt. Additionally, the production level eligible for marketing cost-share assistance has increased to nine million pounds compared to the previous five million pounds. ODMAP 2024 provides a one-time cost-share payment based on marketing costs on pounds of organic milk marketed in the 2023 calendar year or estimated 2024 marketing costs for organic dairy operations that have increased milk production or entered the organic dairy market. The assistance provided by ODMAP 2024 and the original ODMAP 2023 is provided through previously unused Commodity Credit Corporation funds remaining from earlier pandemic assistance programs. FSA is accepting applications from September 30 to November 29.

To apply, producers should contact FSA at their local [USDA Service Center](#). To complete the ODMAP 2024 application, producers must certify to pounds of 2023 milk production, show documentation of their organic certification, and submit a completed application form.

More information about the program is available on the FSA Dairy Programs [webpage](#). 

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IMPORTANT DATES

The important dates concerning the 2025 Federal order price announcements, reporting and payments are now available.

The 2025 AMS release dates are as follows:

Advanced Prices & Pricing Factors

- Wed., December 18, 2024
- Thurs., January 23, 2025
- Thurs., February 20
- Wed., March 19
- Wed., April 23
- Wed., May 21
- Wed., June 18
- Wed., July 23
- Wed., August 20
- Wed., September 17
- Wed., October 22
- Wed., November 19

Final Class & Component Prices

- Wed., February 5, 2025
- Wed., March 5
- Wed., April 2
- Wed., April 30
- Wed., June 4
- Wed., July 2
- Wed., July 30
- Thurs., September 4
- Wed., October 1
- Wed., November 5
- Wed., December 3
- Wed., Dec 31

The 2024 release dates for price announcements, as issued by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) are available via the market administrator's website at www.fmmaseattle.com/dates.html.

Tables that identify reporting and payment dates specific to the Pacific Northwest (FO 124) and Arizona (FO 131) Federal Orders are available via the market administrator's website at www.fmmaseattle.com/reportingandpaymentdates.html. 🐾