Milk Donation Reimbursement Program:

On September 16, 2019, USDA established the Milk Donation Reimbursement Program (MDRP). The program was authorized as part of the 2018 Farm Bill and is intended to encourage the donation of Grade A fluid milk products, provide nutrition assistance to individuals in low income groups, and reduce food waste. The program will provide limited financial reimbursements for fluid milk production donations made by eligible dairy organizations who account to a Federal milk marketing order pool. The program requires a formalized partnership between eligible dairy organizations and eligible distributors. Congress authorized $9 million for Fiscal Year 2019 and $5 million per fiscal year thereafter, for the life of the current Farm Bill. The deadline for submitting applications is November 6, 2019. Details about program eligibility and participation are available at [www.ams.usda.gov/mdrp](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mdrp).