

**(B) Additional ownership structures**

The Secretary shall determine additional ownership structures to be covered by the definition of dairy operation.

**(6) Margin protection program**

The term “margin protection program” means the margin protection program required by section 9053 of this title.

**(7) Margin protection program payment**

The term “margin protection program payment” means a payment made to a participating dairy operation under the margin protection program pursuant to section 9056 of this title.

**(8) Participating dairy operation**

The term “participating dairy operation” means a dairy operation that registers under section 9054 of this title to participate in the margin protection program.

**(9) Production history**

The term “production history” means the production history determined for a participating dairy operation under subsection (a) or (b) of section 9055 of this title when the participating dairy operation first registers to participate in the margin protection program.

**(10) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

**(11) United States**

The term “United States”, in a geographical sense, means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

(Pub. L. 113–79, title I, §1401, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 688.)

**§ 9052. Calculation of average feed cost and actual dairy production margins****(a) Calculation of average feed cost**

The Secretary shall calculate the national average feed cost for each month using the following data:

(1) The price of corn for a month shall be the price received during that month by farmers in the United States for corn, as reported in the monthly Agricultural Prices report by the Secretary.

(2) The price of soybean meal for a month shall be the central Illinois price for soybean meal, as reported in the Market News–Monthly Soybean Meal Price Report by the Secretary.

(3) The price of alfalfa hay for a month shall be the price received during that month by farmers in the United States for alfalfa hay, as reported in the monthly Agricultural Prices report by the Secretary.

**(b) Calculation of actual dairy production margin****(1) In general**

For use in the margin protection program, the Secretary shall calculate the actual dairy

production margin for each consecutive 2-month period by subtracting—

(A) the average feed cost for that consecutive 2-month period, determined in accordance with subsection (a); from

(B) the all-milk price for that consecutive 2-month period.

**(2) Time for calculation**

The calculation required by this subsection shall be made as soon as practicable using the full-month price of the applicable reference month.

(Pub. L. 113–79, title I, §1402, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 689.)

**§ 9053. Establishment of margin protection program for dairy producers**

Not later than September 1, 2014, the Secretary shall establish and administer a margin protection program for dairy producers under which participating dairy operations are paid a margin protection payment when actual dairy production margins are less than the threshold levels for a margin protection payment.

(Pub. L. 113–79, title I, §1403, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 689.)

**§ 9054. Participation of dairy operations in margin protection program****(a) Eligibility**

All dairy operations in the United States shall be eligible to participate in the margin protection program to receive margin protection payments.

**(b) Registration process****(1) In general**

The Secretary shall specify the manner and form by which a participating dairy operation may register to participate in the margin protection program.

**(2) Treatment of multiproducer dairy operations**

If a participating dairy operation is operated by more than 1 dairy producer, all of the dairy producers of the participating dairy operation shall be treated as a single dairy operation for purposes of participating in the margin protection program.

**(3) Treatment of producers with multiple dairy operations**

If a dairy producer operates 2 or more dairy operations, each dairy operation of the producer shall separately register to participate in the margin protection program.

**(c) Annual administrative fee****(1) Administrative fee required**

Each participating dairy operation shall—

(A) pay an administrative fee to register to participate in the margin protection program; and

(B) pay the administrative fee annually through the duration of the margin protection program specified in section 9059 of this title.

**(2) Amount of fee**

The administrative fee for a participating dairy operation shall be \$100.