



**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

December 30, 2020

To Chairman Bradford, Chairman Browne, Chairman Hughes, and Chairman Saylor,

Attached please find the 2020 Pennsylvania Dairy Assistance Program Report. As outlined in Act 24 of 2020, Subarticle C, § 120-C(e), this report is being transmitted to the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

The COVID Relief Dairy Assistance Program allocated \$15 million to provide farmers with direct relief payments. Any dairy farm that experienced financial loss due to discarded or displaced milk during the COVID-19 emergency disaster was eligible to apply for assistance.

Each farm with a documented loss received a minimum of \$1,500 and an additional prorated share of the remaining funds, not to exceed the actual amount assessed by the handler. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture administered the statewide program through an application process managed by the Bureau of Market Development.

This report outlines program participation, reimbursement by county, and milk loss due to displacement. All data is up to date as of December 31, 2020. Should you have questions or would like to discuss this report further, please contact the Department's Legislative Director, Stephen Rudman at 717-772-2854 or [SRudman@pa.gov](mailto:SRudman@pa.gov).

We appreciate the General Assembly's support of this program, and its dedication to stewardship throughout the commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russell C. Redding".

Russell C. Redding  
Secretary

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**(1) The total number of dairy farms that applied for assistance.**

The Pennsylvania Dairy Assistance Program received 1,509 dairy farm applicants and four dairy cooperative applicants.

**(2) The total amount of discarded milk for which assistance was sought.**

Assistance was sought for 279,855,821.69 pounds of discarded milk.

**(3) The average amount of discarded milk per dairy farm that applied for assistance.**

The average amount of discarded milk per farm totaled 117,391.12 pounds. Given the extreme variances of on-farm loss, the median is a more reflective number of the program, calculated at 20,057.50 pounds.

**(4) An estimate of the total value of discarded milk for which assistance was sought.**

The Pennsylvania Dairy Assistance Program received 1,509 applicants for the initial \$1,500 relief payment, totaling \$2,263,500. 540 of the 1,509 farms reported losses greater than \$1,500. These losses equaled an additional \$2,307,703.79 in relief. Individual farm assistance totaled \$4,571,203.79.

Additionally, four dairy cooperatives with Pennsylvania member-producers applied for assistance. Cooperatives that experienced a loss due to discarded milk on behalf of their member-producers and who had not yet assessed their member-producers for these losses were reimbursed for those losses since funding was still available after all other claims were paid. Their combined losses totaled \$2,901,058.95.

Combining on-farm and cooperative member-producer payments, the program totaled \$7,472,262.74 in COVID-19 relief payments.

**(5) The average value of discarded milk per dairy farm that applied for assistance.**

The average value of discarded milk per dairy farm is \$2,234.57.

**(6) The total number of dairy farms that received assistance under this section by county; and (7) The total dollar value of assistance payments under this section by county.**

Each farm listed in each county received the \$1,500.00 minimum payment under the program. Farms with losses above the \$1,500.00 minimum also received additional assistance so that the total amount they received under their program covered their actual losses.

## **ADAMS**

### **Total number of farms: 11**

- 11 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$16,500.00 in assistance.
- 8 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$54,197.91 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$70,697.91

## **ARMSTONG**

### **Total number of farms: 5**

- 5 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$7,500.00 in assistance.
- 4 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$7,772.53 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$15,272.53

## **BEAVER**

### **Total number of farms: 4**

- 4 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$6,000.00 in assistance.
- 3 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$5,179.34 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$11,179.34

## **BEDFORD**

### **Total number of farms: 26**

- 26 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$39,000.00 in assistance.
- 7 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$5,702.85 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$44,702.80

## **BERKS**

### **Total number of farms: 94**

- 94 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$141,000.00 in assistance.
- 52 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$133,510.22 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$274,510.22

## **BLAIR**

### **Total number of farms: 41**

- 41 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$61,500.00 in assistance.
- 23 farms losses with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$103,130.24 in additional assistance.

- Total Assistance: \$164,630.24

## **BRADFORD**

### **Total number of farms: 69**

- 69 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$103,500.00 in assistance.
- 16 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$19,688.61 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$123,188.61

## **BUTLER**

### **Total number of farms: 9**

- 9 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$13,500.00 in assistance.
- 7 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$23,018.94 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$36,518.94

## **CAMBRIA**

### **Total number of farms: 4**

- 4 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$6,000.00 in assistance.
- 3 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$29,099.75 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$35,099.75

## **CARBON**

### **Total number of farms: 1**

- 1 farm with loss at \$1,500.00, totaling \$1,500.00 in assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$1,500.00

## **CENTRE**

### **Total number of farms: 29**

- 29 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$43,500.00 in assistance.
- 3 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$20,745.47 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$64,245.47

## **CHESTER**

### **Total number of farms: 55**

- 55 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$82,500.00 in assistance.
- 9 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$43,121.62 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$125,621.62

### **CLARION**

#### **Total number of farms:**

- 5 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$7,500 in assistance.
- 9 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$15,468.07 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$22,968.07

### **CLEARFIELD**

#### **Total number of farms: 6**

- 6 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$9,000.00 in assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$9,000

### **CLINTON**

#### **Total number of farms: 21**

- 21 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$31,500.00 in assistance.
- 3 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$26,605.53 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$58,105.53

### **COLUMBIA**

#### **Total number of farms: 9**

- 9 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$13,500.00 in assistance.
- 1 farm with loss over \$1,500.00, totaling \$341.46 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$13,841.46

### **CRAWFORD**

#### **Total number of farms: 33**

- 33 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$49,500.00 in assistance.
- 18 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$109,256.64 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$158,756.64

## **CUMBERLAND**

### **Total number of farms: 50**

- 50 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$75,000.00 in assistance.
- 24 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$110,268.16 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$185,268.16

## **DAUPHIN**

### **Total number of farms: 19**

- 19 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$28,500.00 in assistance.
- 6 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$35,731.51 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$64,231.51

## **ELK**

### **Total number of farms: 4**

- 4 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$6,000.00 in assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$6,000

## **ERIE**

### **Total number of farms: 18**

- 18 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$27,000.00 in assistance.
- 6 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$11,966.65 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$38,966.65

## **FAYETTE**

### **Total number of farms: 10**

- 10 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$15,000.00 in assistance.
- 5 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$145,381.88 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$160,381.88

## **FOREST**

### **Total number of farms: 1**

- 1 farm with loss at \$1,500.00, totaling \$1,500 in assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$1,500

## **FRANKLIN**

### **Total number of farms: 87**

- 87 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$130,500.00 in assistance.
- 45 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$249,700.54 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$380,200.54

## **FULTON**

### **Total number of farms: 13**

- 13 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$19,500.00 in assistance.
- 7 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$55,087.74 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$74,587.74

## **HUNTINGTON**

### **Total number of farms: 24**

- 24 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$36,000.00 in assistance.
- 13 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$68,380.97 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$104,380.97

## **INDIANA**

### **Total number of farms: 7**

- 7 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$10,500.00 in assistance.
- 4 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$31,244.11 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$41,744.11

## **JEFFERSON**

### **Total number of farms: 1**

- 1 farm with loss at \$1,500.00, totaling \$1,500 in assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$1,500

## **JUNIATA**

### **Total number of farms: 28**

- 28 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$42,000.00 in assistance.
- 11 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$14,510.58 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$56,510.58

## **LACKAWANNA**

### **Total number of farms: 2**

- 2 farms with losses at \$1,500, totaling \$3,000.00 in assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$3,000

## **LANCASTER**

### **Total number of farms: 355**

- 355 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$532,500.00 in assistance.
- 80 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$517, 583.10 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$1,050,083.10

## **LAWRENCE**

### **Total number of farms: 11**

- 11 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$16,500.00 in assistance.
- 8 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$52,375.16 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$68,875.16

## **LEBANON**

### **Total number of farms: 74**

- 74 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$111,000.00 in assistance.
- 46 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$105,673.84 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$216,673.84

## **LEHIGH**

### **Total number of farms: 6**

- 6 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$9,000.00 in assistance.
- 2 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$1,520.18 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$10,520.18

## **LUZERNE**

### **Total number of farms: 3**

- 3 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$4,500.00 in assistance.
- 1 farm with loss over \$1,500.00, totaling \$104.98 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$4,604.98



## **LYCOMING**

### **Total number of farms: 16**

- 16 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$24,000.00 in assistance.
- 4 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$11,389.12 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$35,389.12

## **MCKEAN**

### **Total number of farms: 8**

- 8 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$12,000.00 in assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$12,000

## **MERCER**

### **Total number of farms: 13**

- 13 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$19,500.00 in assistance.
- 8 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$24,830.29 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$44,330.29

## **MIFFLIN**

### **Total number of farms: 39**

- 39 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$58,500.00 in assistance.
- 11 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$21,905.15 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$80,405.15

## **MONROE**

### **Total number of farms: 1**

- 1 farm with loss at \$1,500.00, totaling \$1,500 in assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$1,500

## **MONTGOMERY**

### **Total number of farms: 3**

- 3 farms with assistance at \$1,500.00, totaling \$4,500.00 in assistance.
- 1 farm with loss over \$1,500.00, totaling \$1,029.82 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$5,529.82

## **MONTOUR**

### **Total number of farms: 1**

- 1 farm with loss at \$1,500.00, totaling \$1,500.00 in assistance.
- 1 farm with loss over \$1,500.00, totaling \$3,971.31 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$5,471.31

## **NORTHAMPTON**

### **Total number of farms: 8**

- 8 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$12,000.00 in assistance.
- 3 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$11,088.70 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$23,088.70

## **NORTHUMBERLAND**

### **Total number of farms: 7**

- 7 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$10,500.00 in assistance.
- 5 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$11,754.90 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$22,254.90

## **PERRY**

### **Total number of farms: 43**

- 43 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$64,500.00 in assistance.
- 23 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$59,723.70 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$124,223.70

## **POTTER**

### **Total number of farms: 9**

- 9 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$13,500.00 in assistance.
- 2 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$2,763.07 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$16,263.07

## **SCHUYLKILL**

### **Total number of farms: 10**

- 10 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$15,000.00 in assistance.

- 4 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$5,729.71 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$20,729.71

### **SNYDER**

#### **Total number of farms: 16**

- 16 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$24,000.00 in assistance.
- 5 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$12,538.68 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$36,538.68

### **SOMERSET**

#### **Total number of farms: 24**

- 24 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$36,000.00 in assistance.
- 10 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$24,462.25 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$60,462.25

### **SULLIVAN**

#### **Total number of farms: 7**

- 7 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$10,500.00 in assistance.
- 2 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$4,944.30 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$15,444.30

### **SUSQUEHANNA**

#### **Total number of farms: 16**

- 16 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$24,000.00 in assistance.
- 2 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling 1,291.53 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$25,291.53

### **TIOGA**

#### **Total number of farms: 54**

- 54 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$81,000.00 in assistance.
- 18 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$22,528.95 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$103,528.95

## **UNION**

### **Total number of farms: 16**

- 16 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$24,000.00 in assistance.
- 2 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$14,164.57 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$38,164.57

## **VENANGO**

### **Total number of farms: 1**

- 1 farm with loss at \$1,500.00, totaling \$1,500 in assistance.
- 1 farm with loss over \$1,500, totaling \$2,501.83 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$3,001.83

## **WARREN**

### **Total number of farms: 9**

- 9 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$13,500.00 in assistance.
- 1 farm with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$1,777.31 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$15,277.31

## **WASHINGTON**

### **Total number of farms: 5**

- 6 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$9,000.00 in assistance.
- 3 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$6,365.01 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$15,365.01

## **WAYNE**

### **Total number of farms: 27**

- 27 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$40,500.00 in assistance.
- 2 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$29,336.47 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: 69,836.47

## **WESTMORELAND**

### **Total number of farms: 6**

- 6 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$9,000 in assistance.
- 3 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$12,849.26 in additional assistance.

- Total Assistance: \$21,849.26

## **WYOMING**

### **Total number of farms: 5**

- 5 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$7,500.00 in assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$7,500

## **YORK**

### **Total number of farms: 21**

- 21 farms with losses at \$1,500.00, totaling \$31,500.00 in assistance.
- 6 farms with losses over \$1,500.00, totaling \$22,471.48 in additional assistance.
- Total Assistance: \$53,971.48