

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS



## Department of Agricultural Resources

225 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772

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### 2023 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program Application for Participation

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**To:** Massachusetts Dairy Farmers  
**From:** Alisha Bouchard, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR)  
**Subject:** 2023 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program  
**Date:** December 15, 2023

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Enclosed please find the required paperwork that must be submitted for you to be eligible for the 2023 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program. The Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program offers registered Massachusetts dairy farms a state income tax credit based on production for any month in which the farm price of milk falls below a trigger price as established in accordance with 330 CMR 29.00. The program was implemented to offset the cyclical downturns in milk prices paid to dairy farms. Eligible dairy farmers wishing to participate in the Program must complete and submit the **Disclosure Statement** as provided. The Disclosure Statement includes the following information:

- ☐ Taxpayer identification information
- ☐ Shareholder information (if applicable)
- ☐ Production Report
- ☐ Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Certificate of Compliance

For more information and to view the regulation, please visit: [Apply to the Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program | Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/apply-to-the-dairy-farmer-tax-credit-program). More information on all MDAR's Financial Assistance Programs is available at: [Agricultural Grants and Financial Assistance Programs | Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/agricultural-grants-and-financial-assistance-programs)

**All paperwork must be received by MDAR no later than January 15, 2024\*. If paperwork is not submitted by that time, we will assume you do NOT wish to participate in the 2023 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program and you will be ineligible to receive the 2023 Dairy Tax Credit. No exceptions will be made to this deadline.**

***\*Dairy Farms marketing their milk privately (producer-dealers, raw milk, other) must submit an additional Production Report to MDAR no later than January 15, 2024, that includes November, December, and total annual production. Information received after this date will not be considered or included in any calculations.***

Completed Disclosure Statements and questions should preferably be emailed to:

Alisha Bouchard  
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources  
Attn: Massachusetts Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program  
225 Turnpike Road,  
Southborough, MA 01772  
Phone 857-248-0276  
Email: [alisha.bouchard@mass.gov](mailto:alisha.bouchard@mass.gov)

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### 2023 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Disclosure Statement Taxpayer Identification Information

Applicant Information				
Name: _____		Farm Name: _____		
Mailing Address: _____				
City: _____		State: _____	Zip Code: _____	
Phone: _____		E-mail: _____		
Applicant Taxpayer Information				
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor	<input type="checkbox"/> C-Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> S-Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Entity _____
Social Security Number (SSN): (Sole Proprietor <b>Must</b> Include SS#) _____ - _____ - _____				
Individual Taxpayer ID Number (TIN): _____ - _____ - _____				
Dairy Information				
Certificate of Registration Number: (Issued by Massachusetts Dept. of Ag. Resources) _____		Producer Number(s): _____		
Signature				
<p><b>I hereby disclose the following:</b></p> <p>I held a Certificate of Registration pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 94, § 16A at some time during 2023. I authorize the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources ("MDAR") to examine all records necessary to verify the information set forth in this disclosure statement. By signing this Disclosure Statement, I claim to be eligible pursuant to M.G.L. c. 62, §6(o) (1)-(4), and M.G.L. c.63, §38Z.</p> <p>I acknowledge that participation is subject to M.G.L. c. 151A, Section 19A and that it is my responsibility to ensure all payments owed to the Department of Unemployment Assistance, if owed, are made. I further acknowledge that a Certificate of Compliance must be obtained and filed with MDAR, if applicable, in order to be eligible.</p> <p>I hereby authorize the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency, the Federal Milk Market Administrator, my milk cooperative, and/or milk dealer who markets or purchases my milk to release all records and other information relating to my milk production during the calendar year 2023 to MDAR.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>, I authorize a third party to release my production records. I acknowledge that MDAR is not responsible for any errors or omissions contained in information provided by a third party.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>, I do not authorize the release of production records. I will submit production records to the Department directly.</p> <p>I certify, under penalty of all applicable law, as to the truth, completeness, and accuracy of all information provided in or in connection with this form. I also certify that I am the authorized individual eligible to file this statement and form. By signing this Disclosure and Authorization Statement Form, I agree to all terms and conditions contained within.</p>				
Signature _____		Title/Relationship of Individual Signing _____		Date _____





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### 2023 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Disclosure Statement Production Report Production Report

#### Milk Marketing

How do you market your milk (check all that apply):

- ☐ Cooperative(s) or Handler(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Producer-Dealer
- ☐ Raw Milk
- ☐ Other

Dairy farms that market their milk through a **cooperative or handler** do NOT have to provide production information; with your signature you authorize your cooperative(s) to send your production report directly to the MDAR. MDAR is not responsible for any errors or omissions in the information received from any third party.

Dairy farms that market all or part of their milk privately (producer-dealer, raw milk, other) are responsible for providing monthly and annual production to the MDAR. Please complete the Production Report to the furthest date possible. Production for November, December, and a total annual production **must** be sent to the MDAR by **January 15, 2024**. If the Department does not receive your production report by January 15, 2024, missing production will not be considered in the calculation of the 2023 Tax Credit and no adjustments shall be made.

#### Monthly Production

**Eligible Milk Production:** Eligible milk production includes all verifiable milk produced on the farm minus unmarketable milk, e.g. three-out-of-five, positive for antibiotics, or milk produced under a suspended or revoked Certificate of Registration. For milk marketed to someone other than a cooperative or milk handler, please provide documents verifying marketable milk. Complete the milk production schedule below or attach a separate sheet showing the same information. Please list your production amount in **pounds**.

Calendar Year 2023	Cooperative	On-Farm	Other	Total Monthly Production
January				
February				
March				
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
<b>Total</b>				

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## 2023 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Disclosure Statement

### Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Certificate of Compliance

Effective March 24, 2015, a statutory change in M.G.L. Chapter 151A, Section 19A creates a new certification requirement for employers seeking certain tax credits in excess of \$5,000. **Farms receiving a Dairy Farmer Tax Credit of more than \$5,000 must provide a Certificate of Compliance from the Department of Unemployment Assistance to the Department of Agricultural Resources** as part of the approval process for participation in the 2023 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program. Please note that even if your farm does not pay unemployment, the farm must still generate a Certificate by registering with DUA as "Non-Liable."

Farms must generate a Certificate of Compliance directly from DUA online. If there is no outstanding debt on the account, a Certificate of Compliance will be issued. If, however, there is outstanding debt, a Certificate of Compliance will not be granted until such debt is resolved.

#### How to generate a DUA Certificate of Compliance:

- ☐ Visit the following website: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/request-a-certificate-of-compliance>
- ☐ Scroll down and Click "Log in to UI Online for Employers."
- ☐ Enter your User ID and Password
  - If you do not have a User ID and/or Password or if you have difficulty logging in or navigating the website, you must call the **Department of Unemployment Assistance at (617) 626-5075**.
- ☐ Once logged in, follow these steps:
  - Click "Payment Information" (in the left pane to view the *Payment Information* page).
    - Click "Request Certificate of Compliance."
      - Make sure your browser allows pop-up windows and accepts cookies, and then click Submit.
- ☐ If you are in good standing, you will receive a PDF document of your certificate of compliance immediately. If you are not in good standing, a message will appear requesting that you review your account.
- ☐ Attach your DUA Certificate of Compliance and return with your completed Disclosure Statement.

#### Email or Mail completed forms to:

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Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources  
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Phone: 857-248-0276  
[alisha.bouchard@mass.gov](mailto:alisha.bouchard@mass.gov)

Please return the full Disclosure Statement and attached DUA Certificate of Compliance as soon as possible. All paperwork must be received by MDAR no *later than January 15, 2024\**. If paperwork is not submitted by that time, we will assume you do NOT wish to participate in the 2023 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program and you will be ineligible to receive the 2023 Dairy Tax Credit. No exceptions will be made to this deadline.

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