

Farm Bill MPP-Dairy Sign-Up Underway

BROOKINGS, S.D. - The sign-up period for the 2016 Milk Margin Protection Program for Dairy producers (MPP-Dairy) is underway and runs from July 1 through September 30, 2015 at your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.

"The MPP-Dairy program is a voluntary safety net program established by the 2014 Farm Bill that continues through December 31, 2018," said Tracey Erickson, SDSU Extension Dairy Field Specialist.

Erickson explained that the program provides eligible producers with indemnity payments when the difference between an all milk price and average feed cost (the margin), falls below coverage levels producers select on an annual basis.

To be eligible for MPP-Dairy, operations must produce and commercially market milk in the U.S., provide proof of milk production when registering, and not be enrolled in the Livestock

Gross Margin for Dairy program (LGM-Dairy).

"Eligible dairy operations must register for MPP-Dairy coverage at the FSA office where their records are stored," Erickson said.

When signing up for the program, producers will need to supply the following information.

- A production history establishment, which is completed on form CCC-781;
- Election of the annual coverage level and completion of the contract on form CCC-782;
- Payment of the \$100 administrative fee, annually; and
- Payment of the premium, if there is a premium owed.

This will be dependent upon the premium level selected. An operation must pay:

- 1) the premium in full at the time of annual coverage election;
- 2) a minimum of 25 percent of the premium by

February 1 of the applicable calendar year of coverage with the remaining balance to be paid by June 1st of the applicable calendar year of coverage.

In mid-August, a collaborative group will host a meeting to explain the parameters of the program, along with showcasing the recently updated MPP-Dairy Risk Management calculator. For dates, times and locations, visit www.igrow.org.

The collaborative group includes; SDSU Extension, Southwest Minnesota Dairy Profit Group, Midwest Dairy Association, NDSU Extension Service, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, University of Minnesota Extension, South Dakota Dairy Producers, Minnesota Milk Producers Association, Iowa State Dairy Association, North Central Risk Management Education Center and United States Department of Agriculture.

Vermillion Girls Qualify For Great Four-State Basketball Tournament



COURTESY PHOTO
For the second consecutive year, this group of Vermillion girls qualified for the Great Four-State Basketball Tournament in Minneapolis, MN. Each of the four states (ND, SD, IA and MN) has a state tournament and the Top 2 from each qualifies. Last year, this group won the SD Championship and finished 3rd in Minneapolis. This year, they fell in the SD State Championship and finished 2nd.

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Mountain Lion Harvest Could Be Smaller In '16

BY BOB MERCER
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The state Wildlife Division wants to make several significant changes for the 2016 hunting season for mountain lions in South Dakota.

The division's biologists will outline their proposals during the state Game, Fish and Parks Commission meeting in Aberdeen today and Friday.

One recommended change would reduce the harvest limit.

The limits for the 2014 and 2015 seasons in the Black Hills were 75 lions overall or 50 females, whichever was reached first.

Hunters reported killing 21 males and 22 females during the 2015 season. The 2014 season saw hunters take 22 males and 31 females.

The recommendation at this point for the 2016 season is 60 lions overall or 40 females.

The total of 43 lions killed in the 2015 season was the fewest in the past five years. There were 47 in 2011, followed by 73 in 2012 and 61 in 2013.

The other change that

is recommended would set aside some lion licenses for non-residents for the first time.

During the past 10 years only South Dakota residents could buy licenses.

The current recommendation would allow 250 licenses for non-residents. The price would be \$121. There isn't a cap on licenses for South Dakota hunters, although they are restricted to one lion per year. The resident license fee is \$28.

Other changes being offered for 2016 would somewhat reduce the special Custer State Park hunts.

The commission will decide this week on a final proposal. The commission meets at the AmericInn conference center, 301 Centennial St. in Aberdeen, starting at 1 p.m. CT today and continuing Friday at approximately 8 a.m. CT.

A public hearing on the commission's formal proposal for the lion season will be held during the commission's next meeting on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 2 p.m. MT at the Spearfish / Holiday Inn Convention Center.

United Way of Vermillion Invites You to Create the Community You Want

The United Way of Vermillion is inviting the community to get their artistic and creative minds going on Thursday, August 13th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, in the Kozak Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library. This all-ages activity asks Vermillionaires to imagine the community of their dreams and get creative in expressing it. All art supplies will be provided and the results will be displayed at the library and in United Way's annual promotional campaign video online and at the Vermillion Theaters! Whether you have a love for making art, a love for Vermillion, or both, come join in the United Way's vision to create an even better community. Find out more on the United Way of Vermillion website at www.unitedwayofvermillion.org

One-On-One Tech Assistance Comes To The Library

The Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library is pleased to share that one-on-one tech sessions for patrons will begin this fall. Beginning September 4th, our Tech Assistant or other staff will be on hand to guide you through your most pressing technology challenges every Friday from 10:30 am to 12 pm. They're here to assist in a variety of topics - everything from e-book downloads to basic software, email, and device use. There is no cost for this service, but we do encourage appointments. Call us at 677-7060 or stop by our Circulation Desk to make an appointment.

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Course will start August 24th, 2015 and run thru December 12th, 2015.

Classes will be held Monday & Thursday from 6pm-10pm and 1 Saturday per month from 8am-5pm.

For more information or to register as a student please contact our station at 605-677-7098.