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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture; Renewal

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture Renewal.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture has renewed the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture (AC21). The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions should be addressed to Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, telephone (202) 720-3817; fax (202) 690-4265; email AC21@ars.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** USDA believes it is important to maintain an intensive and regular dialogue to explore and understand the broad array of issues related to the expanding dimensions and importance of agricultural biotechnology. The AC21 has been established to provide information and advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on issues related to agricultural biotechnology. The purpose of this Committee is to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the broad array of issues related to the expanding dimensions and importance of agricultural biotechnology.

Dated: January 23, 2013.

**Catherine Woteki,**

*Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. AMS-DA-08-0031; DA-08-05]

### Continuation of 2008 Farm Bill—Dairy Forward Pricing Program

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA) extended the authorization of the Dairy Forward Pricing Program contained in the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill), through September 30, 2013. This document provides notice that producers and cooperative associations of producers may enter into forward price contracts under the Dairy Forward Pricing Program through September 30, 2013, as provided for in the Final Rule published October 31, 2008 (73 FR 64868). The 2008 Farm Bill initially prohibited new forward contracts from being entered into after September 30, 2012, and no forward contracts entered into under the program extending beyond September 30, 2015. However, passage of the ATRA that was signed into law on January 2, 2013, revised the program to allow new contracts to be entered into until September 30, 2013. Any forward contract entered into up and until the September 30, 2013, deadline is still subject to the September 30, 2015, cutoff date to meet the terms of the contract.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* February 1, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roger Cryan, Director, Economics Division, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, Stop 0229—Room 2753—S, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0231, (202) 720-7091, email address: roger.cryan@ams.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Dairy Forward Pricing Program (73 FR 64868) allows producers and cooperative associations of producers to voluntarily enter into forward price contracts with handlers for milk used for Class II, III, or IV purposes under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (AMAA), (7 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). The program also allows handlers regulated under the Federal milk marketing order program to pay producers and cooperative associations in accordance

with the terms of a forward contract and not have to pay the minimum Federal order blend price for producer milk. This program was initially established in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill (H.R. 6124, Pub. L. 110-246). The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA), (H.R. 8, Pub. L. 112-240), extended the authorization of the Dairy Forward Pricing Program contained in the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill) (H.R. 6124, Pub. L. 110-246) through September 30, 2013.

The program authorizes that under the AMAA, milk handlers pay producers or cooperative associations of producers a negotiated price, rather than the Federal order minimum blend price for producer milk if subject to conditions and terms of a forward contract, provided the volume of such milk does not exceed the handler's Class II, III, and IV utilization for the month on the order that regulates the milk. The program applies to producer milk regulated under Federal milk marketing orders that is not classified as Class I milk or milk otherwise intended for fluid use and that is in the current of interstate or foreign commerce or directly burdens, obstructs, or affects interstate or foreign commerce of Federally regulated milk. The Federal milk marketing order program consists of 10 Federal milk marketing orders (7 CFR parts 1001-1131).

Dated: January 29, 2013.

**Rex A. Barnes,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

### Continuation of Farm Service Agency 2008 Farm Bill Programs

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA) extended the authorization of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill) through the 2013 crop year, fiscal year (FY), or calendar year, as applicable, for certain Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) commodity