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H. R. 455

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2003

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin (for himself and Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Dairy Policy
3 Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. USE OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE’S PRE-**
5 **FERRED OPTION 1B AS PRICE STRUCTURE**
6 **FOR CLASS I MILK UNDER FEDERAL MILK**
7 **MARKETING ORDERS.**

8 Section 1 of H.R. 3428 of the 106th Congress, as
9 enacted into law by section 1000(a)(8) of Public Law 106–
10 113 (Appendix H; 113 Stat. 1501A–517; 7 U.S.C. 7253
11 note), is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “this Act” and
13 inserting “the National Dairy Policy Act of 2003”;
14 and

15 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
16 following new subsection (c):

17 “(c) USE OF OPTION 1B FOR PRICING CLASS I
18 MILK.—As specified in the final rule, the Secretary of Ag-
19 riculture shall price fluid or Class I milk under the Federal
20 milk marketing orders using the Class I price differentials
21 known as Option 1B.”.

22 **SEC. 3. EMERGENCY MARKET LOSS PAYMENTS TO DAIRY**
23 **PRODUCERS.**

24 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

25 (1) FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDER.—The
26 term “Federal milk marketing order” means a milk

1 marketing order issued under section 8c of the Agri-
2 cultural Adjustment Act (7 U.S.C. 608c), reenacted
3 with amendments by the Agricultural Marketing
4 Agreement Act of 1937.

5 (2) CLASS III MILK.—The term “Class III
6 milk” means milk classified as Class III milk (milk
7 used to produce cheese) under a Federal milk mar-
8 keting order.

9 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
11 Farm Service Agency.

12 (b) PAYMENTS REQUIRED.—Using the funds, facili-
13 ties, and authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation,
14 the Secretary shall make an emergency market loss pay-
15 ment under this section to dairy producers on a farm in
16 the 48 contiguous States, including producers on farms
17 not covered by a Federal milk marketing order, whenever
18 the national average price for Class III milk under Federal
19 milk marketing orders for a calendar year quarter is less
20 than a target price of \$11.50 per hundredweight for milk
21 containing 3.5 percent butterfat.

22 (c) PAYMENT AMOUNTS.—

23 (1) BASIS FOR PAYMENT.—Subject to para-
24 graph (2), payments under subsection (b) to dairy
25 producers on a farm for a calendar year quarter

1 shall be based on the total quantity of milk mar-
2 keted by the producers during that quarter and de-
3 signed to ensure that the producers receive not less
4 than the target price for that milk.

5 (2) PAYMENT AND VOLUME LIMITATIONS.—The
6 Secretary may impose maximum payments per farm
7 or volume limitations on the quantity of the pro-
8 ducers' quarterly production on which payments will
9 be made under this section.

10 (d) TIME FOR PAYMENTS.—Payments required
11 under this section for a month shall be made not later
12 than the 21st day after the end of a calendar year quarter
13 for which payments are required.

14 (e) FARM RECONSTITUTION.—The Secretary shall
15 carry out this section in such a manner that there are
16 no additional outlays under this section as a result of the
17 reconstitution of a farm that the Secretary determines oc-
18 curred in whole or in part for the purpose of increasing
19 the amounts received as payments under this section.

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