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TO: Parties Interested in the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program

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RE: Additional Information to Further Clarify January 9, 2009 WUD *Update* Article on MILC Production Start Month

According to FSA documents, exceptions to the production start month selection restrictions may apply to **FY 2009**. The production start month selection options available to MILC program participants are dependent on which phase of the signup CCC-580 for the dairy operation is submitted to the County Office (either “initial” or “extended” signup period).

Initial Signup Phase: December 22, 2008 to January 21, 2009

According to directions on the CCC-580 form, producers that submit during the initial signup phase can select any month preceding the month the contract is submitted or any month thereafter, as the FY 2009 production start month, including the month the contract is submitted.

Extended Signup Phase (explanation for FY 2009 only): starts January 22, 2009

According to directions on the CCC 580 form, producers that submit CCC-580's during the extended signup may select as their production start month, either

- 1) **the month the contract is submitted** OR
- 2) any month after the contract is submitted in the fiscal year that has not begun or has not passed, and that selection must be made on or before the 14th of the month before the month the dairy operation wants to select as their production start month.

Bottom line: if a producer decides to submit an application during the “extended” signup phase they have the added flexibility of being able to select the month during which they **submit their application as their start month**.