



2.1 (f) "Mature dairy cow" or "cow" means a bovine of a breed commonly recognized as  
2.2 suited for dairying applications that is a bred heifer or is lactating or has been through at  
2.3 least one lactation cycle.

2.4 Subd. 3. **Application forms; procedures; limits.** (a) Not later than October 1,  
2.5 2007, the authority shall provide application forms and instructions at dairy processing  
2.6 facilities and at places reasonably accessible to the public. A printable version of the  
2.7 forms and instructions may also be made available on an Internet site.

2.8 (b) An applicant for a no-interest loan must complete the loan application forms and  
2.9 submit them, along with a written dairy business plan and any additional documentation  
2.10 required by the authority, to the authority within the eligibility timeline.

2.11 (c) A loan under this program must be used only for the acquisition of mature dairy  
2.12 cows. The maximum number of cows that can be financed for any dairy operation or dairy  
2.13 operator is six, and the maximum amount of financing per cow is \$1,000.

2.14 (d) The maximum term of a loan is six years.

2.15 (e) No dairy operator is eligible for more than one loan under this program.

2.16 Subd. 4. **Review of applications.** Not later than 30 calendar days after receipt  
2.17 of a properly completed application for a dairy stabilization loan, the authority must  
2.18 approve or deny the application. If the loan is approved, the authority must issue a letter of  
2.19 commitment to the applicant. Within ten business days after the authority receives proof  
2.20 from the applicant that up to six cows have been purchased, the authority must make  
2.21 payment to the borrower or a local lender that has provided credit to the borrower on the  
2.22 basis of the authority's letter of commitment.

2.23 Subd. 5. **Repayment of loans.** (a) A borrower must repay the principal amount of  
2.24 a dairy stabilization loan not later than six years from the date the loan is issued to the  
2.25 borrower. The schedule for repayment must be at the option of the borrower and may  
2.26 include a balloon payment on the sixth anniversary of the loan.

2.27 (b) If at any time during the term of a loan the borrower no longer qualifies as a  
2.28 Minnesota dairy operator, the loan immediately becomes payable in full.