

115TH CONGRESS
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To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide emergency payments to
dairy producers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SANDERS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide emergency
payments to dairy producers.

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

3 **SECTION 1. EMERGENCY PAYMENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
6 (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall issue
7 emergency payments to dairy producers according to cri-
8 teria developed by the Secretary under subsection (b).

9 (b) CRITERIA.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop
2 criteria for the issuance of emergency payments
3 under subsection (a).

4 (2) PRIORITY.—In developing criteria under
5 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

6 (A) give priority to a dairy producer—

7 (i) located in a State with a high cost
8 of dairy production compared to other
9 States; or

10 (ii) on a farm with a high cost of
11 dairy production based on the size of the
12 farm, as determined by the Secretary; and

13 (B) in carrying out subparagraph (A), use
14 the most current estimates of the Economic Re-
15 search Service for the cost of milk production
16 by State and nationwide.

17 (c) PAYMENT LIMITATION.—An emergency payment
18 under subsection (a) shall be not less than \$10,000 but
19 not greater than \$20,000 per dairy operation.

20 (d) FUNDING.—Of the funds of the Commodity Cred-
21 it Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out this
22 section \$556,000,000 for fiscal year 2019, to remain avail-
23 able until expended.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.**

2 (a) STATUTORY PAYGO.—This Act is designated as
3 an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4(g) of the
4 Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

5 (b) SENATE DESIGNATION.—In the Senate, this Act
6 is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to
7 section 4112(a) of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress), the
8 concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018.