



New Member Requirements

- 1) Bulk tank with capacity for five milking pickups in flush is required; a minimum of 1,000 pounds EOD (Every Other Day) is required.
- 2) Certified organic by an USDA accredited certification agency.
 - Willingness to produce milk without antibiotics, hormones, synthetic pesticides and genetically engineered materials.
- 3) Develop a pasture plan optimizing the operation's pasturing component. A minimum 30 percent dry matter intake during the grazing season for all dairy animals six months and older is required, per National Organic Program guidelines.
- 4) Signed Member Agreement and ability to conduct business in accordance with CROPP membership policies and requirements.
- 5) Membership in a cooperating milk handler with the ability to meet membership requirements.
- 6) Farm must be a reasonable distance from a present route or part of a regional pool.
- 7) Meet Equity requirement equal to 5.5 percent of base annual income. (Fulfillment options are available.)
- 8) The CROPP Dairy Pool stabilizes supply and member pay price through a Supply Management Policy. Please note:
 - a. Prospects must coordinate with CROPP regarding timing of organic certification of cropland, pasture, and dairy operations. August-February certification best fits the cooperative's overall milk production plan.
 - b. Prospects are strongly encouraged to secure a formal milk purchase commitment from CROPP prior to beginning the 12 month/100% organic feed requirement.

See other side for CROPP Dairy Pool Milk Quality Requirements

New Member Dairy Farm Quality Requirements

To ensure the highest possible quality milk for CROPP Cooperative, all dairy farms joining the co-op must comply with the following standards:

- 1) Meet Grade A Standards for farm sanitation and conditions.
- 2) Meet the following raw milk quality standards 60 days prior to first shipment:
 - a. SCC average not more than 350,000 cfu/ml
 - b. SPC/PLC average not more than 30,000 cfu/ml
 - c. PIC average not more than 50,000 cfu/ml
 - d. LPC average not more than 250 cfu/ml (if tested)

As an exception, start-up (heifer) herds must submit at least two bulk tank samples taken no less than three days apart, showing compliance with the above standards prior to first shipment on a CROPP milk route.

Any farm not meeting the requirements outlined above shall be delayed for CROPP Cooperative membership on a rolling 30-day basis until its quality meets the standards for all attributes.