

2024 Dairy Plus Application Questionnaire Preview

DISCLAIMER: This document intends to give applicants an idea of what to expect in the application. Actual questions within the electronic application submission portal (available at www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/dairyplus) may be different.

CDFA highly recommends that you review the Request for Grant Applications (https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/dairyplus/docs/2024_DairyPlus_RGA.pdf) prior to beginning an application.

APPLICATION CATEGORY

Please identify your Dairy Plus Program application type *

- New project in conjunction with a 2024 (AMMP or DDRDP) application
- Dairy Plus application only, for an operation with an in-progress (AMMP or DDRDP) project
- Dairy Plus application only, for an operation with a past completed (AMMP or DDRDP) project

(Dependent on the previous response) Provide the past or in progress (AMMP or DDRDP) Grant Agreement Number for the operation where the Dairy Plus Program project is being proposed.

Producer Name (awardee of Dairy Plus Program funds must be an individual dairy producer as registered currently or in the future with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Field Service Agency – FSA)

Note: only one 2024 Dairy Plus Program award per FSA registered entity/producer name. If multiple dairy operations under one FSA-registered entity/producer name are selected, only one dairy operation will be awarded.

*The USDA Partnerships for Climate Smart Commodities grant is committed to prioritizing at least 10% (\$7.5 million) of the producer incentive funding to serve small and **historically underserved producers**, including farmers or ranchers who are: Beginning; Socially Disadvantaged; Veterans, and Limited Resource. Small farms are generally those with less than \$350,000 in annual gross cash farm income. Demographic information is used by USDA for statistical purposes only and will not be used to determine an applicant's eligibility for programs or services for which they apply. Definitions for small and historically underserved producers can also be found in the [Dairy Plus Program Request for Grant Applications](#).*

Does the applicant identify as a small and/or historically underserved producer?

If yes, select all that apply.

Section I: Project Description

Using the completed *Project Description Template* and *Work Plan Template*, provide the following information.

Project Title for the Dairy Plus Program Project.

Instructions: Please include the name of the Dairy Operation as part of your project title

Project Description for the Dairy Plus Program Project.

Instructions: Please do not include any personally identifying information (e.g., address) or specifics about herd size in the project description; portions of the description may be used in applicant or awardee lists that will be publicly available online.

Select the project type.

Is there a secondary component to the project (these practices cannot be standalone)?

Farm, tract, and field information for areas included in the project boundary (as registered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency). Include all that are impacted by the project, and specify the farm, tract, and field where the Dairy Plus project technology will be implemented. Or enter "Not registered with FSA". For example: Farm 1234, tract 111, field 1; Farm 5678, tract 222, field 2, etc.

Enter the anticipated "Start Date" for the project (project cannot begin prior to September 1, 2025)

Enter the anticipated "End Date" for the project (project cannot end later than August 31, 2027)

Attachment A: Project Description Template (required, as Microsoft Word file).

Attachment A.1: Site plan, project design documents, schematic diagrams, etc. (required, as PDF file).

Attachment A.2: Signed FSA Permission Template (required, as a PDF file).

Attachment B: Work Plan Template (required, as Microsoft Word file).

Section II: Nitrogen and Salt Management and Water Quality Improvements

Complete the *Nitrogen and Salt Management and Water Quality Improvements Template*.

Attachment C: Nitrogen and Salt Management and Water Quality Improvements Template (required; as PDF file)

Section III: Budget Worksheet

Using the completed *Budget Worksheet Template* provide the following information.

Grant Amount Requested (\$, USD)

This value must be **less than or equal** to USD \$1,250,000 (up to \$750/cow) - IMPORTANT: Please refer to the Funding Scenarios section in the *2024 Dairy Plus Program RGA*.

Matching Funds Provided (\$, USD) - IMPORTANT: Refer to Funding Scenarios in the *2024 Dairy Plus Program RGA*!

Attachment D: Budget Worksheet Template (required; as Microsoft Excel file)

Attachment D.1: Bids or quotes to support budget costs (if applicable; as PDF file)

Section IV: Estimated GHG Emissions Reduction

Using the completed *AMMP or DDRDP Benefits Calculator Tool* (<https://www.arb.ca.gov/cci-resources>) for the Dairy Plus Program project, provide the following information.

Select Livestock Categories that are part of the Project Boundary.

For any of the livestock categories selected above as part of the project boundary, provide their average population (herd size) from the prior 12 months. Please enter '0' for livestock categories that are not part of your project boundary.

Provide average of Lactating Dairy Cows (freestall) from prior 12 months

Provide average of Lactating Dairy Cows (open lot) from prior 12 months

Provide average of Dry cows from prior 12 months

Provide average of Heifers from prior 12 months

Total project emission reductions over 5 (if AMMP) or 10 years (if DDRDP) (MTCO₂e)

GHG reduction per unit of energy-corrected milk (ECM) produced by the dairy operation over 5 (if AMMP) or 10 years (if DDRDP) (MTCO₂e/ECM)

GHG reduction per dollar grant money requested over 5 (if AMMP) or 10 years (if DDRDP) (\$/MTCO₂e)

Attachment E: AMMP or DDRDP Benefits Calculator Tool (required, as Microsoft Excel file)

(Only for those applying for Dairy Plus Previous DDRDP) Attachment E: DDRDP Benefits Calculator Tool for Functional System/Implemented Digester (required; as Microsoft Excel file)

Attachment E.1: Explanation of GHG Calculations (if applicable, as single PDF file)

Attachment E.2: Description of how the proposed project will reduce GHG emissions beyond the existing practices and/or beyond the AMMP or DDRDP proposed practices at the dairy operation (if applicable; as PDF file)