

# Chapter 54

2026 Regular Session

**Subject** Dairy Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative (DAIRI)

**Bill** S.F. 3832

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## Summary

This act broadens eligibility for grants under the fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 DAIRI appropriation.

The DAIRI program provides grants to dairy farms that enroll in the USDA Farm Service Agency's Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) Program which offers financial assistance if the margin between the price of milk and feed costs falls below a certain level. DMC was not open for enrollment in 2024 or 2025, so farmers were unable to establish eligibility for DAIRI. But farmers were able to enroll in DMC at the beginning of 2026.

In the 2023 appropriation, DAIRI grants were based on the amount of milk produced in 2022. This act clarifies that new dairy farms are eligible for grants and updates the appropriation to allow grants to new dairy farms to be based on the farm's production history established in the farm's DMC enrollment.

Governor Tim Walz signed this act into law on April 29, 2026, and the act became effective the following day.