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## Overview

This bill would establish a Dairy Producer Margin Coverage Premium Assistance Program to award grants to Minnesota dairy farmers who participate in the federal Dairy Margin Coverage Program. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) would administer the program and issue payments to participating dairy farmers at a rate of 30 cents per hundred pounds of milk that the farmer enrolls in the federal program, not to exceed 5,000,000 pounds per farmer per year. The bill would appropriate an unspecified amount of money from the general fund for this purpose.

The United States Congress created the Dairy Margin Coverage Program as part of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, also known as the 2018 Farm Bill. Participating dairy farmers choose their coverage level and pay the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) a premium to enroll in the program, receiving payment from the USDA if dairy production margins fall below threshold levels.