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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1418

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; establishing a dairy producer margin coverage premium
1.3 assistance program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 17.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [17.123] DAIRY PRODUCER MARGIN COVERAGE PREMIUM
1.7 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Program. The commissioner must establish and administer a dairy
1.9 producer margin coverage premium assistance program for premiums paid by Minnesota
1.10 dairy producers participating in the federal dairy margin coverage program authorized in
1.11 the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018.

1.12 Subd. 2. Eligibility. A dairy producer who participates in the federal dairy margin
1.13 coverage program and satisfies the requirements in this section is eligible to receive financial
1.14 assistance from the commissioner under this section.

1.15 Subd. 3. Payment rates. The commissioner must reimburse an eligible producer at a
1.16 rate equal to 30 cents per hundredweight of milk up to the first 5,000,000 pounds of milk
1.17 enrolled in the federal dairy margin coverage program.

1.18 Subd. 4. Procedure. A dairy producer must submit a completed application to the
1.19 commissioner in a form required by the commissioner. As part of the application, the dairy
1.20 producer must submit proof of participation in the federal dairy margin coverage program
1.21 in the form of a valid premium payment receipt or other documentation as approved by the
1.22 commissioner.

2.1 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

2.2 \$..... in fiscal year 2020 and \$..... in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the general
2.3 fund to the commissioner of agriculture for purposes of this act.