

**For Immediate Release**

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**Margin Protection Program (MPP) Seminar**

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) authorizes the Margin Protection Program for dairy producers (MPP-Dairy). This new voluntary risk management program replaces the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program.

On November 6, 2014, Dr. John Newton will provide an explanation of the program details to dairymen. Dr. John Newton is a Clinical Assistant Professor in Agricultural Commodity Markets, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The registration deadline for MPP is November 28, 2014, so this seminar will offer dairy producers the opportunity to learn about the MPP coverage and get their questions answered prior to the November 28, 2014 deadline.

The seminar will start at 10 am and conclude at 11:30 am, and will be held at the Moultrie-Douglas Extension office located at 122 S Walnut in Arthur, Illinois. The University of Illinois Extension, Douglas County Farm Service Agency and Douglas County Farm Bureau are co-sponsoring this opportunity for dairymen.

There is no cost to attend. Please call David Shiley, University of Illinois Extension at 217-543-3755 to register for this event.

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