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## *Schumer Study: Upstate New York Farmers Risk Losing \$180 Million In Critical MILC Payments if Program Not Renewed; Since 2002 Average NYS Dairy Farmer Received \$32,079*

Since 2002, New York State 5,619 dairy farmers have received \$180.2 million in MILC (Milk Income Loss Contract) payments since 2002. The average NYS farmer has received \$32,079 since the programs began. The program is particularly helpful to smaller farmers, so regions with more small dairies, such as the North Country and Southern Tier benefit greatly.

The number of MILC Contracts and total paid to each county comes from the New York State FSA (Farm Service Agency.)

In the Capital Region, **546 New York dairy farmers** have received payments from the MILC program, for a total of **\$20.9 million** since 2002. The average Capital Region dairy farmer received a payment of **\$34,978**.

County	MILC Contracts	Total Paid Since 2002	Average Payment
Albany	17	\$387,135	\$22,773
Fulton	37	\$1,257,639	\$33,990
Montgomery	133	\$4,989,196	\$37,513
Rensselaer	52	\$1,829,486	\$35,182
Saratoga	47	\$1,748,371	\$37,199
Schenectady	8	\$277,702	\$34,713
Schoharie	82	\$2,715,270	\$33,113
Washington	170	\$7,708,185	\$45,342
<b>Capital Region Total</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>\$20,912,986</b>	<b>\$34,978</b>

In the Central New York Region, **777 New York dairy farmers** have received payments from the MILC program, for a total of **\$23.7 million** since 2002. The average Central New York Region dairy farmer received a payment of **\$30,768**.

County	MILC Contracts	Total Paid Since 2002	Average Payment
Cortland	130	\$4,269,199	\$32,840
Madison	196	\$5,296,338	\$27,022
Oneida	266	\$7,835,656	\$29,457
Onondaga	108	\$4,758,988	\$44,065
Oswego	77	\$1,575,097	\$20,456
<b>Central New York Total</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>\$23,735,281</b>	<b>\$30,768</b>

In the Finger Lakes Region, **565 New York dairy farmers** have received payments from the MILC program, for a total of **\$20.1 million** since 2002. The average Finger Lakes Region dairy farmer received a payment of **\$36,586**.

County	MILC Contracts	Total Paid Since 2002	Average Payment
Cayuga	150	\$4,683,995	\$31,227
Livingston	70	\$3,589,070	\$51,272
Monroe	16	\$603,000	\$37,688
Ontario	57	\$2,919,792	\$51,224
Schuyler	28	\$792,680	\$28,310
Seneca	33	\$1,357,956	\$41,150
Tompkins	75	\$2,416,944	\$32,226
Wayne	64	\$1,882,528	\$29,415
Yates	72	\$1,926,963	\$26,763
<b>Finger Lakes total</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>\$20,172,931</b>	<b>\$36,586</b>

In the Hudson Valley Region, **202 New York dairy farmers** have received payments from the MILC program, for a total of **\$5.2 million** since 2002. The average Hudson Valley Region dairy farmer received a payment of **\$22,210**.

County	MILC Contracts	Total Paid Since 2002	Average Payment
Columbia	42	\$209,297	\$4,983
Dutchess	34	\$1,127,947	\$33,175
Greene	18	\$38,348	\$2,130
Orange	67	\$2,563,445	\$38,260
Putman	0	\$0	\$0
Sullivan	41	\$1,332,444	\$32,499
Ulster	0	\$0	\$0
Westchester	0	\$0	\$0
Rockland	0	\$0	\$0
<b>Hudson Valley Total</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>5,271,482.92</b>	<b>\$22,210</b>

In the North Country Region, **1481 New York dairy farmers** have received payments from the MILC program, for a total of **\$45.2 million** since 2002. The average North Country Region dairy farmer received a payment of **\$30,633**.

County	MILC Contracts	Total Paid Since 2002	Average Payment
Clinton	147	\$5,004,980	\$34,047
Essex	8	\$719,039	\$89,880
Franklin	152	\$5,055,883	\$33,262
Hamilton	0	\$0	\$0
Herkimer	214	\$6,527,789	\$30,504
Jefferson	316	\$8,928,589	\$28,255
Lewis	350	\$9,143,833	\$26,125
St. Lawrence	294	\$9,886,364	\$33,627
Warren	0	\$0	\$0
<b>North Country Total</b>	<b>1481</b>	<b>\$45,266,478</b>	<b>\$30,633</b>

In the Southern Tier Region, **1142 New York dairy farmers** have received payments from the MILC program, for a total of **\$33.8 million** since 2002. The average Southern Tier Region dairy farmer received a payment of **\$30,179**.

County	MILC Contractst	Total Paid Since 2002	Average Payment
Alleghany	120	\$3,205,983	\$26,717
Broome	47	\$1,578,177	\$33,578
Chemung	34	\$1,133,135	\$33,328
Chenango	236	\$7,103,859	\$30,101
Delaware	191	\$5,378,751	\$28,161
Otsego	197	\$5,986,968	\$30,391
Steuben	205	\$6,216,007	\$30,322
Tioga	112	\$3,229,182	\$28,832
<b>Southern Tier Total</b>	<b>1142</b>	<b>\$33,832,065</b>	<b>\$30,179</b>

In the Western New York Region, **906 New York dairy farmers** have received payments from the MILC program, for a total of **\$31 million** since 2002. The average Western New York Region dairy farmer received a payment of **\$37,838**.

County	MILC Contracts	Total Paid Since 2002	Average Payment
Cattaraugus	167	\$4,874,131	\$29,186
Chautauqua	282	\$7,171,644	\$25,431
Erie	112	\$3,869,087	\$34,545
Genesee	81	\$3,895,287	\$48,090
Niagara	46	\$1,735,398	\$37,726
Orleans	23	\$1,071,383	\$46,582
Wyoming	195	\$8,444,121	\$43,303
<b>WNY Total</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>\$31,061,055</b>	<b>\$37,838</b>

\*\* MILC Contract and county by county payment information from the New York State Farm Services Agency. To find the average payment, county totals were divided by county contracts.