



USDA announces \$60 million purchase of cheese products

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Washington, Dec. 18. In another effort to help struggling dairy farmers, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that approximately \$60 million in cheese and cheese products will be purchased by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) for use in domestic feeding programs through USDA's Food and Nutrition Service.

"This purchase will provide food to people in need, while helping dairy producers who are facing economic challenges by increasing demand for dairy products," said Secretary Vilsack. The 2010 Agricultural Appropriations Act authorized \$60 million for the purchase of cheese and cheese products.

The announcement was made just one day after Secretary Vilsack also announced the implementation of the new Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Payment (DELAP) program, which will provide \$290 million in loss assistance payments for dairy producers.

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