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DAIRY DONATION PROGRAM (DDP)

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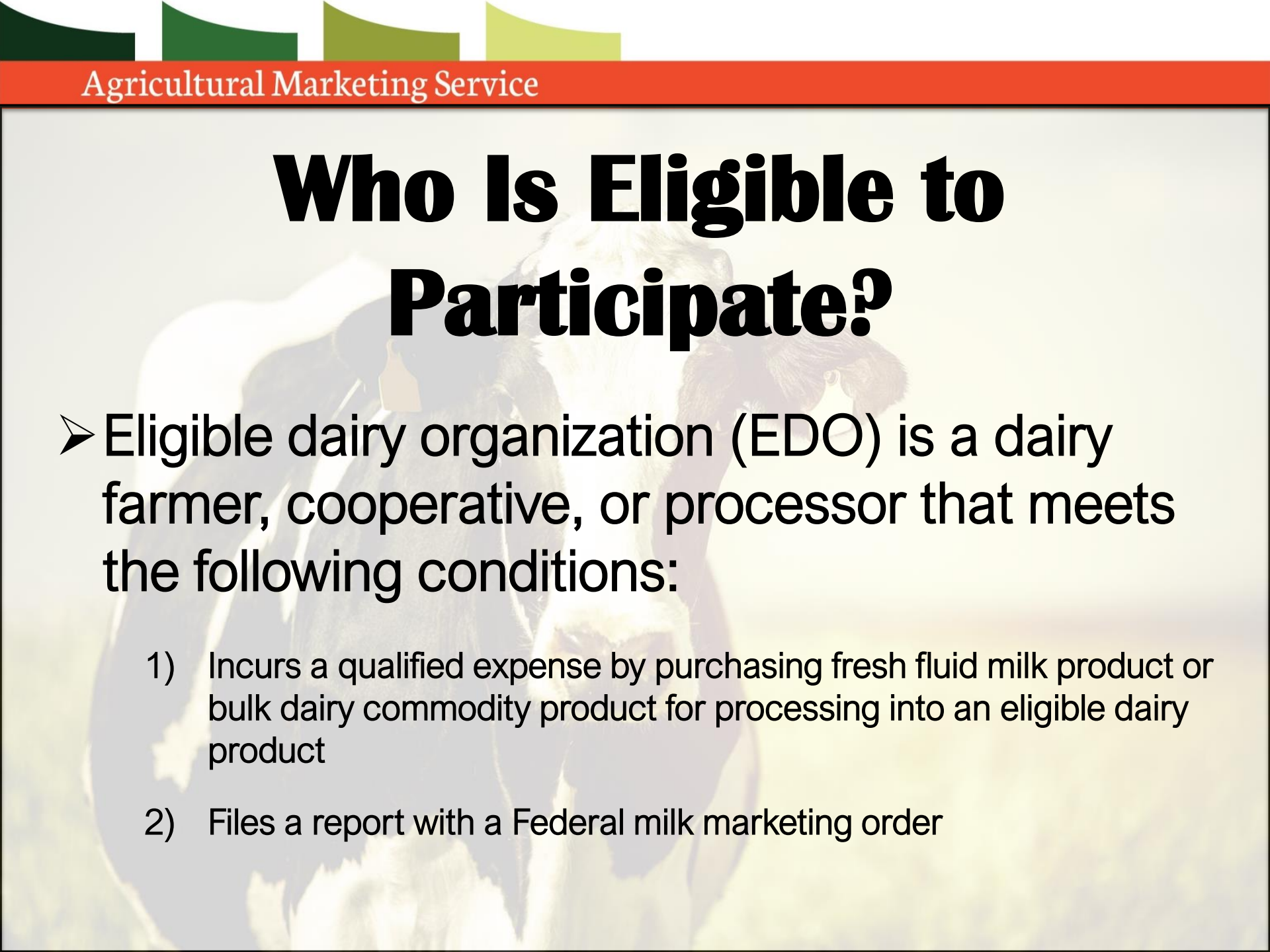
Background

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- **COVID-19 pandemic**
 - Supply chain disruptions
 - Plant shutdowns, milk dumping
 - Record unemployment and food insecurity
 - **Milk Donation Reimbursement Program**
 - \$9M in FY2019, \$5M per subsequent 4 years
 - Low reimbursement rate = low participation

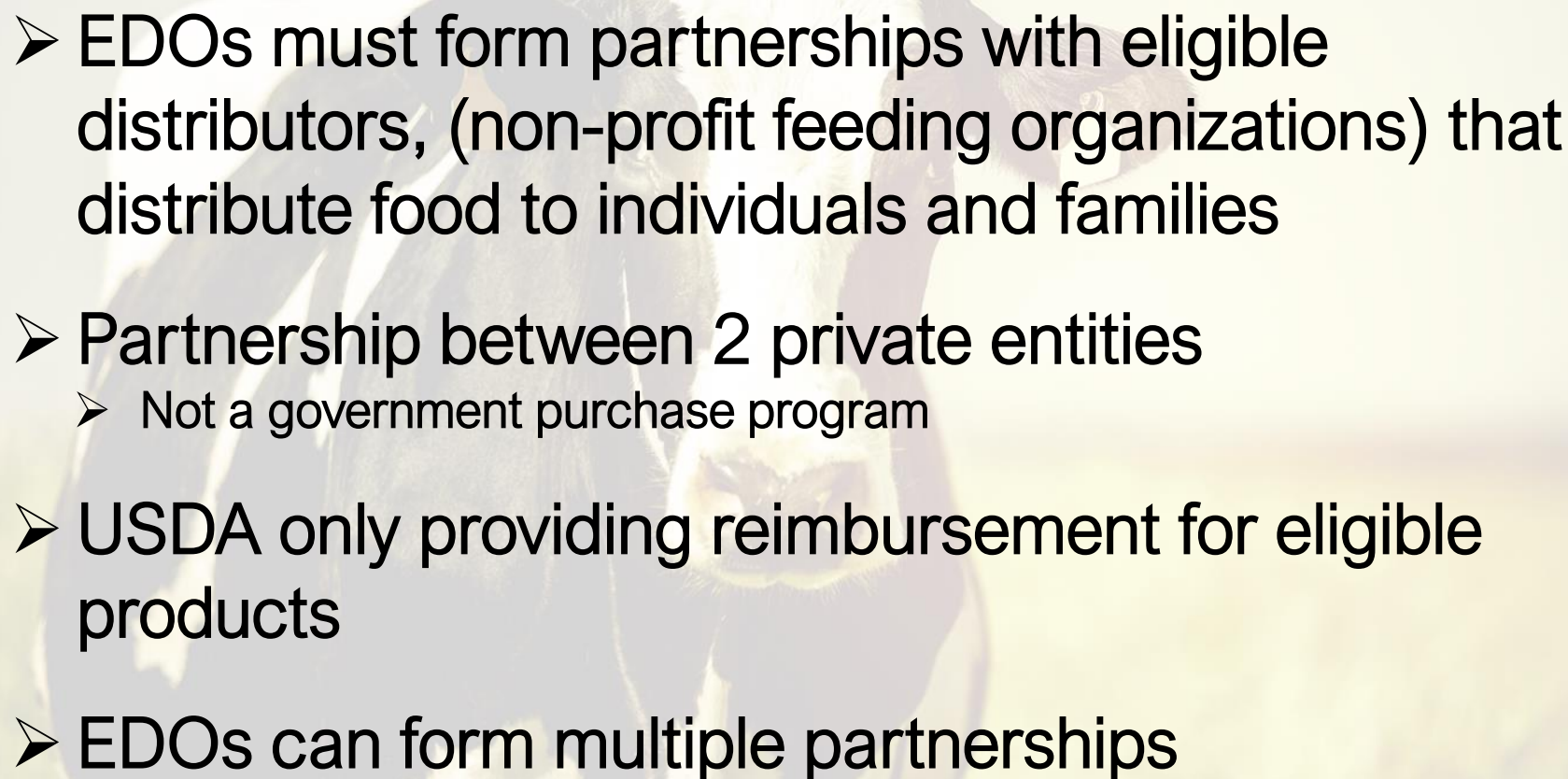
DDP Purpose

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- Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021
 - \$400 million for the program
 - Two goals:
 - 1) Encourage the efficient distribution of dairy products to individuals and families
 - 2) Reduce food waste

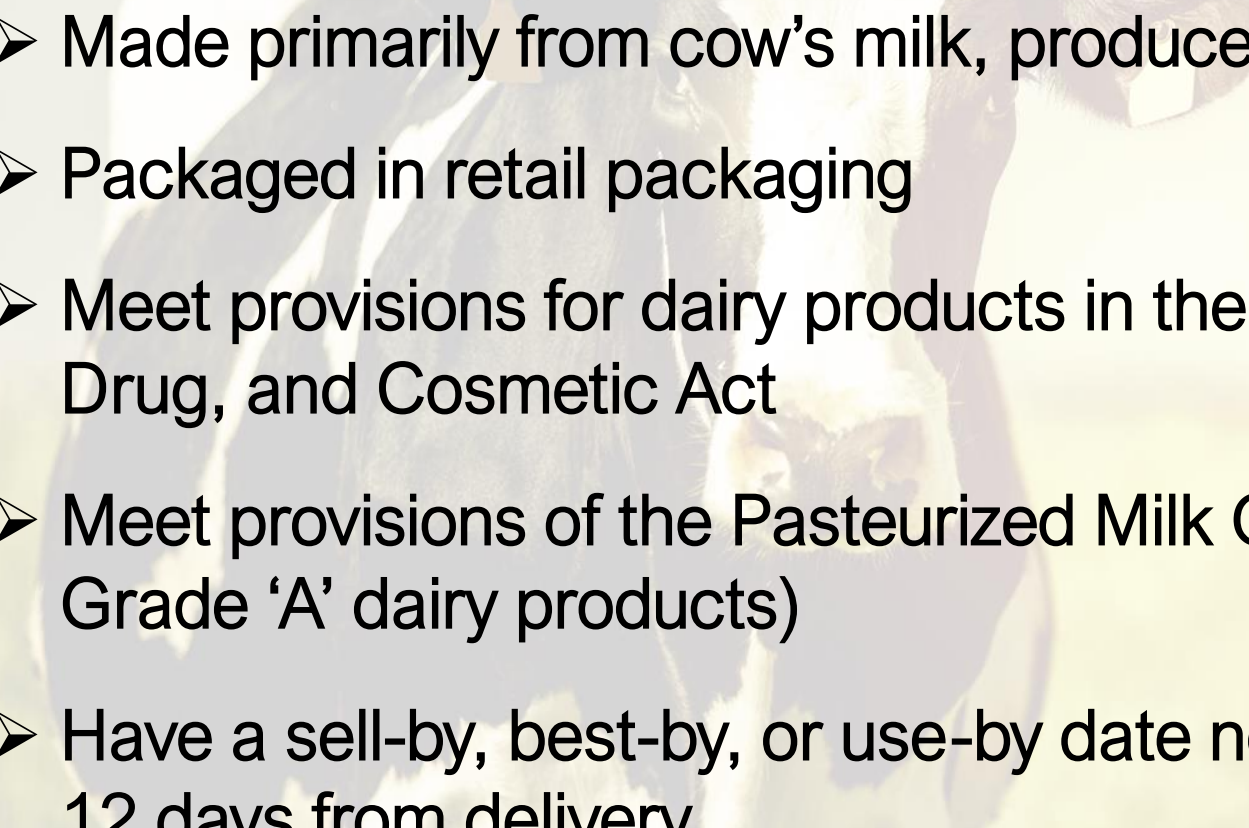
Who Is Eligible to Participate?

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- Eligible dairy organization (EDO) is a dairy farmer, cooperative, or processor that meets the following conditions:
- 1) Incurs a qualified expense by purchasing fresh fluid milk product or bulk dairy commodity product for processing into an eligible dairy product
 - 2) Files a report with a Federal milk marketing order

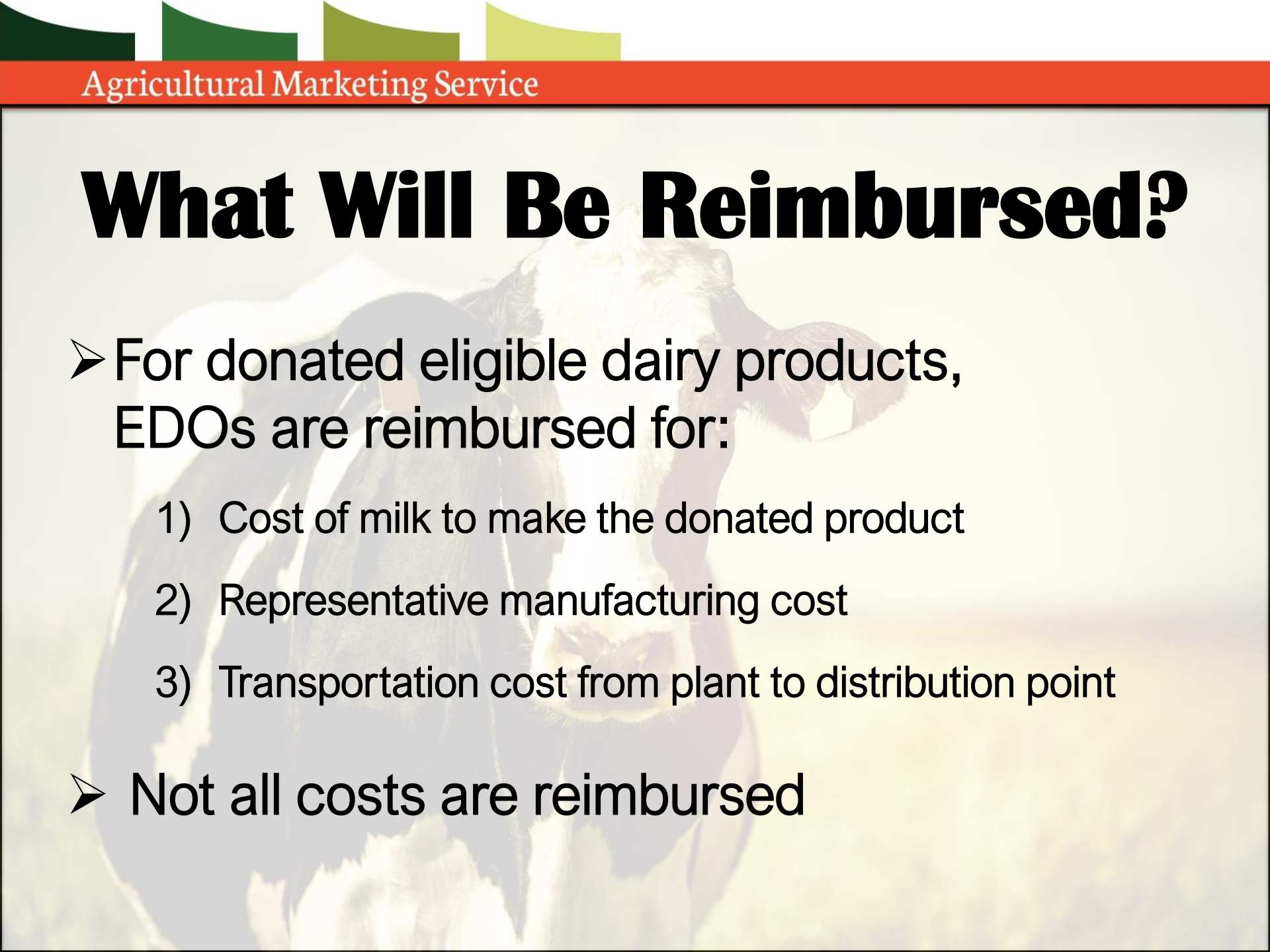
How to Form a Partnership?

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- EDOs must form partnerships with eligible distributors, (non-profit feeding organizations) that distribute food to individuals and families
 - Partnership between 2 private entities
 - Not a government purchase program
 - USDA only providing reimbursement for eligible products
 - EDOs can form multiple partnerships

What Products are Eligible for Reimbursement?

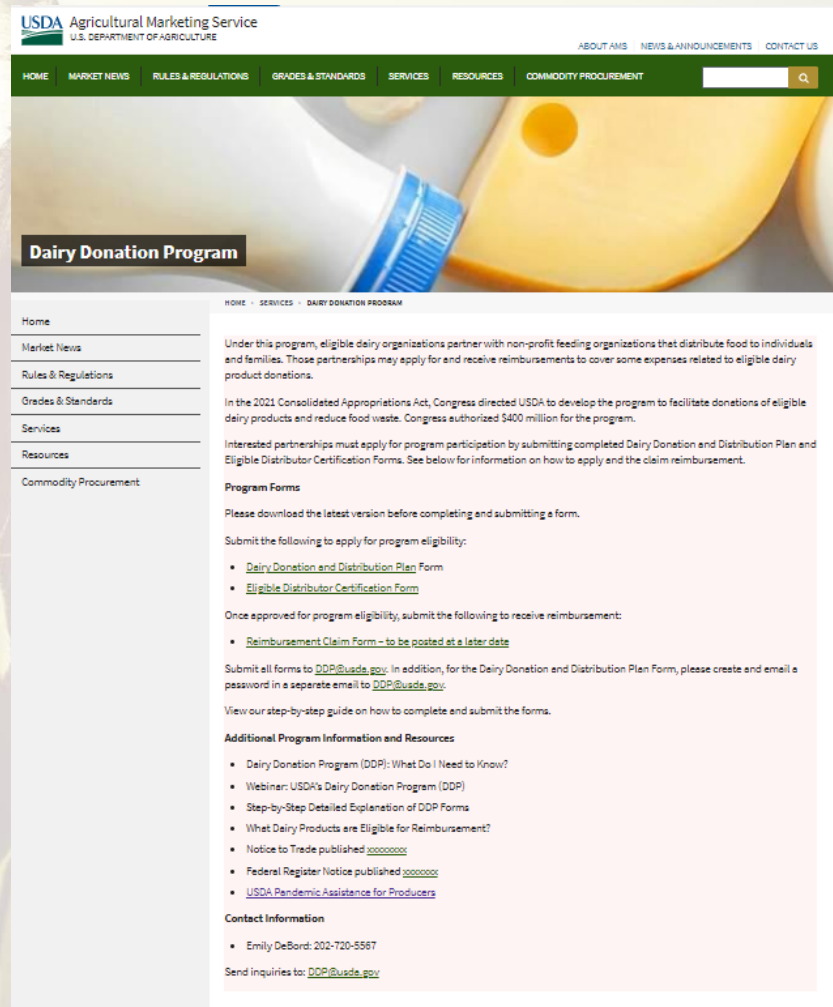
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- Made primarily from cow's milk, produced in the U.S.
 - Packaged in retail packaging
 - Meet provisions for dairy products in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
 - Meet provisions of the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (for Grade 'A' dairy products)
 - Have a sell-by, best-by, or use-by date no sooner than 12 days from delivery

What Will Be Reimbursed?

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- For donated eligible dairy products, EDOs are reimbursed for:
 - 1) Cost of milk to make the donated product
 - 2) Representative manufacturing cost
 - 3) Transportation cost from plant to distribution point
 - Not all costs are reimbursed

How to Participate?

- All forms can be found online at www.ams.usda.gov/ddp
- Send completed forms to ddp@usda.gov
- See *Step-by-Step Detailed Explanation of DDP Forms* for more information on completing the forms



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Dairy Donation Program

HOME SERVICES DAIRY DONATION PROGRAM

Under this program, eligible dairy organizations partner with non-profit feeding organizations that distribute food to individuals and families. Those partnerships may apply for and receive reimbursements to cover some expenses related to eligible dairy product donations.

In the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress directed USDA to develop the program to facilitate donations of eligible dairy products and reduce food waste. Congress authorized \$400 million for the program.

Interested partnerships must apply for program participation by submitting completed Dairy Donation and Distribution Plan and Eligible Distributor Certification Forms. See below for information on how to apply and the claim reimbursement.

Program Forms

Please download the latest version before completing and submitting a form.

Submit the following to apply for program eligibility:

- [Dairy Donation and Distribution Plan Form](#)
- [Eligible Distributor Certification Form](#)

Once approved for program eligibility, submit the following to receive reimbursement:

- [Reimbursement Claim Form - to be posted at a later date](#)

Submit all forms to DDP@usda.gov. In addition, for the Dairy Donation and Distribution Plan Form, please create and email a password in a separate email to DDP@usda.gov.

View our step-by-step guide on how to complete and submit the forms.

Additional Program Information and Resources

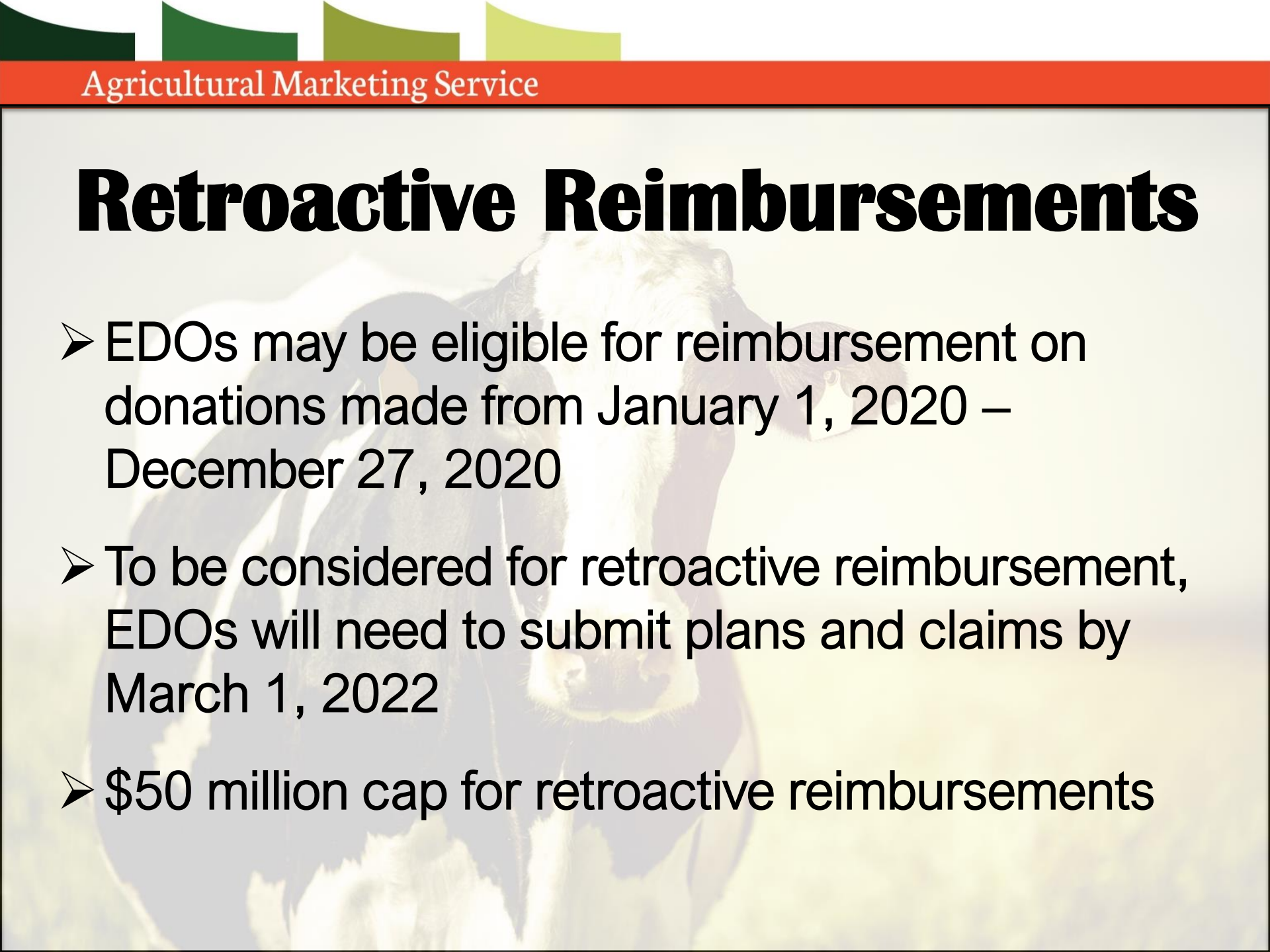
- Dairy Donation Program (DDP): What Do I Need to Know?
- Webinar: USDA's Dairy Donation Program (DDP)
- Step-by-Step Detailed Explanation of DDP Forms
- What Dairy Products are Eligible for Reimbursement?
- Notice to Trade published [xxxxxxx](#)
- Federal Register Notice published [xxxxxxx](#)
- [USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers](#)

Contact Information

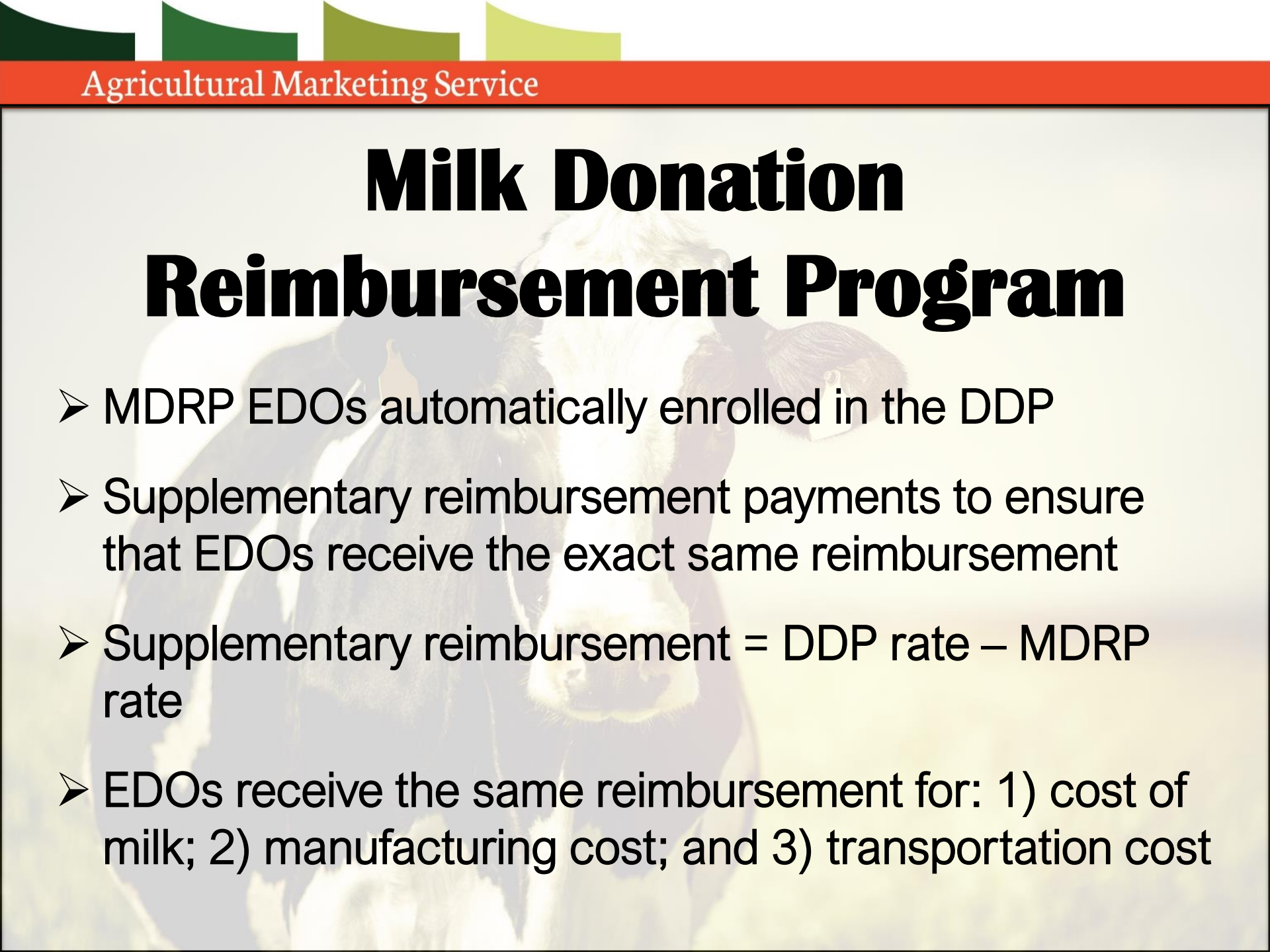
- Emily DeBord: 202-720-5567

Send inquiries to: DDP@usda.gov


Retroactive Reimbursements

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- EDOs may be eligible for reimbursement on donations made from January 1, 2020 – December 27, 2020
 - To be considered for retroactive reimbursement, EDOs will need to submit plans and claims by March 1, 2022
 - \$50 million cap for retroactive reimbursements

Milk Donation Reimbursement Program

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- MDRP EDOs automatically enrolled in the DDP
 - Supplementary reimbursement payments to ensure that EDOs receive the exact same reimbursement
 - $\text{Supplementary reimbursement} = \text{DDP rate} - \text{MDRP rate}$
 - EDOs receive the same reimbursement for: 1) cost of milk; 2) manufacturing cost; and 3) transportation cost

For More Information:

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THANK YOU!