

HB 658 -- Tax Credit for Milk Producers

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Beginning January 1, 2010, this bill authorizes a tax credit for any resident taxpayer who is actively engaged in milk production. The tax credit will be based on milk production for any month in which the average of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Uniform Prices in Federal Orders Numbers 7 and 32 drops below the announced production price during the calendar year.

Beginning January 1, 2010, and the first day of every month thereafter, the Director of the Department of Agriculture must report and make available to the public the announced price of milk based on:

- (1) The average price of milk in the top five states where milk is imported into Missouri;
- (2) The average transportation costs of importing milk from the top five states where milk is imported into Missouri; and
- (3) The cost of milk production in Missouri.

In any month in which tax credits are available, eligible taxpayers may be issued a tax credit equal to the sum of the difference between the average of the USDA price and the announced price multiplied by the amount of milk produced during the month in pounds divided by 100.

The department cannot issue more than \$25,000 in tax credits per eligible taxpayer per year. The tax credit is not transferrable or refundable and must be claimed in the year in which the credit is issued. Taxpayers must submit to the department an application for the tax credit on a form provided by the department.

The department cannot issue more credits in any calendar year than are allocable to this program; however, any remaining unissued tax credits in the following programs may also be made available annually for allocation to this program:

- (1) Up to \$30 million in neighborhood assistance tax credits which have not been issued by April 30;
- (2) Up to \$10 million in distressed areas land assemblage tax credits which have not been issued by December 1;
- (3) Up to \$16 million in rebuilding communities and neighborhood preservation tax credits which have not been issued by

December 1;

(4) Up to \$10 million in tax credits for investment in, or relocating a business to, a distressed community which have not been issued by December 1;

(5) Up to \$15 million in qualified equity investment tax credits which have not been issued by April 30; and

(6) Up to \$4 million in family development account tax credits which have not been issued by April 30.

The provisions of the bill will expire two years from the effective date.