UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 **Notice PS-546**

For: State and County Offices

Processing Extended Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC-X) Payments Through the Intranet

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1 Overview

A Background

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, Section 1502 directs the Secretary of Agriculture to provide monthly assistance to dairy producers who continue to suffer economic losses from December 2002 through September 30, 2005.

The Agricultural Reconciliation Act of 2005, Section 1101 authorizes the extension of the MILC program from October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2007.

B Purpose

This notice provides instructions to State and County Offices for processing MILC-X applications and payments using the FSA Intranet.

Important: MILC-X:

- requires **eAuthentication** access, see subparagraph 2 A
- payments are supported by **National Financial Services** (NFS) and **National Payment Services** (NPS), see Notice FI-2697.

Disposal Date	Distribution
March 1, 2007	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

2 Getting Started

A eAuthentication Login

County Offices shall access MILC-X functions from the FSA Intranet Home Page at http://intranet.fsa.usda.gov/fsa/. Select the "FSA Applications" link from the left navigation bar. Under "Price Support" heading, click on "Milk Income Loss Contract Program Extension". The eAuthentication Warning Screen will be displayed. Click "Continue". The eAuthentication Login Screen will be displayed to enter the appropriate credentials. See eAuthentication guidelines in 6-IRM, Exhibits 16.5 through 16.8.

The following is an example of the eAuthentication Login Screen.

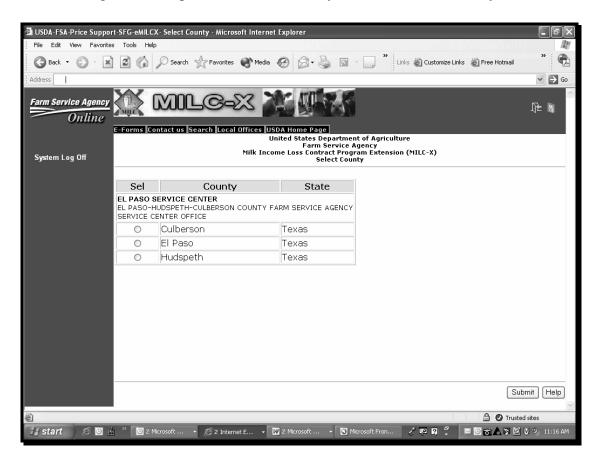


Enter the appropriate user ID and password, and click "**Login**". After successful access, the MILC-X Select County Screen will be displayed.

2 Getting Started (Continued)

B Select County Screen

The following is an example of the Select County Screen in a multi-county service center.



The MILC-X Select County Screen lists all counties serviced by the FSA Service Center. After selecting a County Office, click "**Submit**". The MILC-X Home Page will be displayed.

2 Getting Started (Continued)

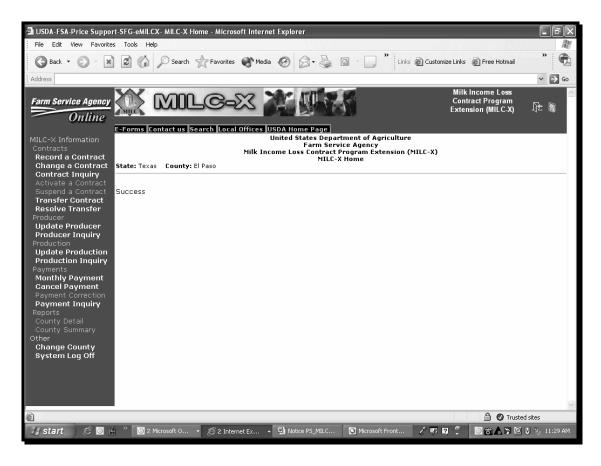
B MILC-X Home Page

The MILC-X Home Page allows access to options to update and process the following:

- contracts
- producer
- production
- payments
- reports
- other

Note: The grayed-out link will be made available in a future release.

The following is an example of the MILC-X Home Page.

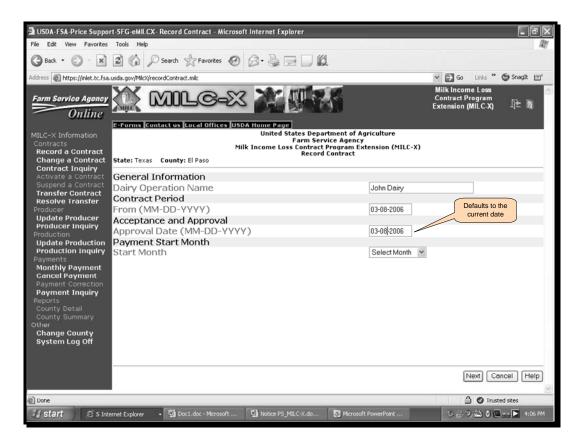


After successful county selection, the message, "Success" will be displayed.

3 Contracts

A Recording a Contract

To record a new contract, click "**Record a Contract**". The following is an example of the MILC-X Record Contract Screen.



On the MILC-X Record Contract Screen, enter the following information:

- dairy operation name
- contract period "from" date
- approval date
- payment start month

For the definition and description of data elements, click "Help".

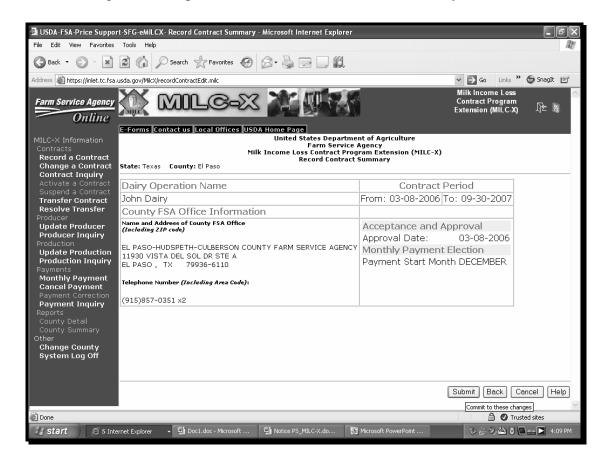
Note: To return to the MILC-X application, click the "**Back**" button on the browser or use **Alt-Left Arrow**.

Caution: Closing the "Help" window will close the MILC-X application.

After all entries have been completed, click "Next". The MILC-X Record Contract Summary Screen will be displayed.

A Recording a Contract (Continued)

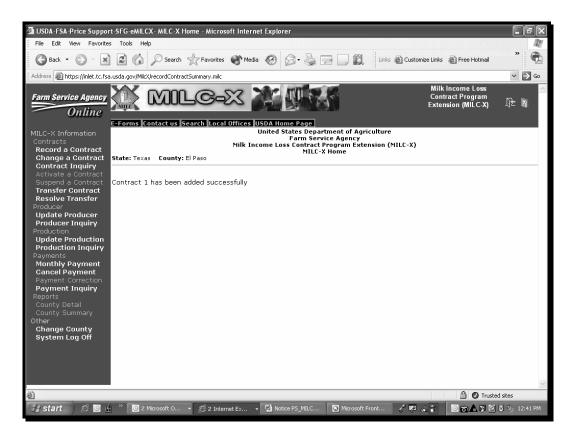
The following is an example of MILC-X Record Contract Summary Screen.



After verifying the contract information, click "**Submit**" to accept information. The MILC-X Home Page will be displayed with the new message, "Contract # has been added successfully" if update is successful.

A Recording a Contract (Continued)

The following is an example of the MILC-X Home Page that will display the message, "Contract # has been added successfully," if a new contract has been added successfully.

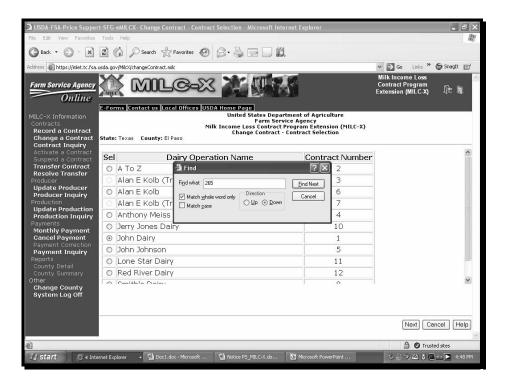


B Changing a Contract

To modify contract information, click "Change a Contract". The MILC-X Change Contract - Contract Selection Screen will be displayed with the dairy operation names and the contract numbers for the County.

B Changing a Contract (Continued)

The following is an example of the MILC-X Change Contract – Contract Selection Screen.



Select the Dairy Operation from the list and click "Next".

Hint: Press **Ctrl** + **F** keys to display a **"Find"** dialog box. Enter a dairy operation's name or contract number to quickly locate the contract to be changed. To get an exact match, especially when entering contract number, check **"Match whole word only"**. This search method may be used in any of the software functionality.

The original contract information is displayed to allow changes to be made to any of the data elements before payment is made on the contract. Only the following data elements are available to be modified once payment is made.

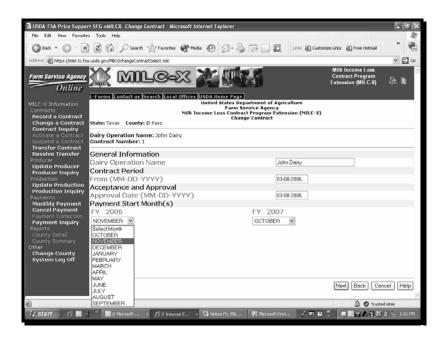
- dairy operation name
- approval date
- start months for fiscal years that have not had a payment, yet.

Follow the screen flow to successfully complete the contract change.

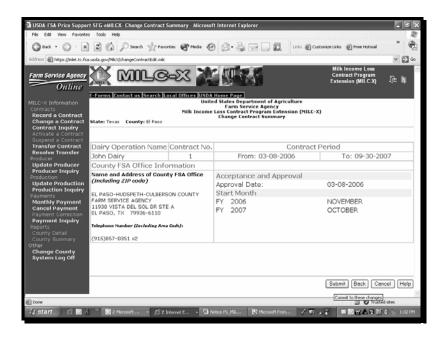
B Changing a Contract (Continued)

The following are examples of the screen flow to successfully change a contract:

• make changes to the data as needed and click "Next"



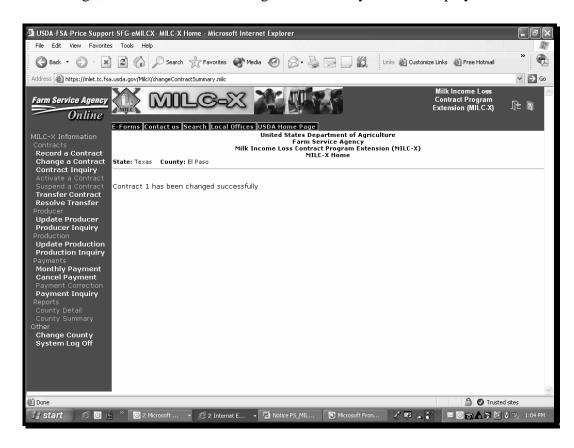
• the Change Contract Summary Screen will be displayed, click "Submit" to accept the changes



Note: For definition and description of data elements, click "Help".

B Changing a Contract (Continued)

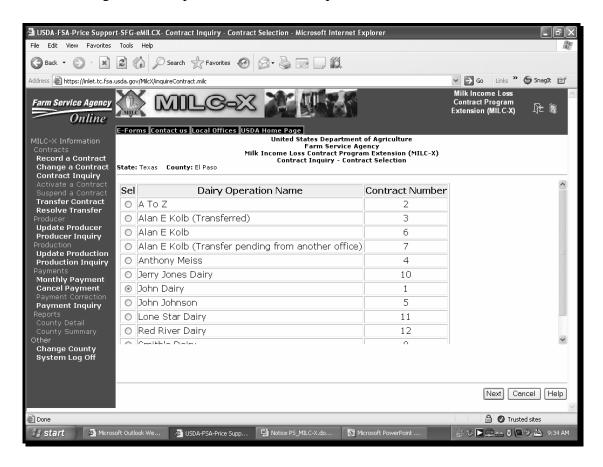
• the message, "Contract has been changed successfully" will be displayed.



C Contract Inquiry

To inquire on a contract, click "Contract Inquiry". The MILC-X Inquire Contract - Contract Selection Screen will be displayed with the dairy operation names and the contract numbers for the selected County.

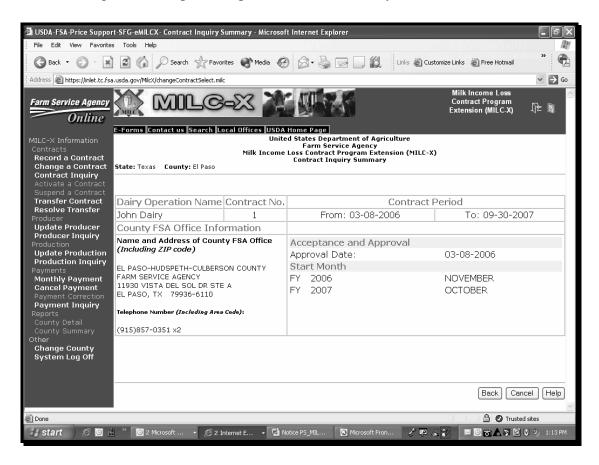
The following is an example of the MILC-X Inquire Contract-Contract Selection Screen.



Select the dairy operation to inquire about and click "Next". MILC-X Inquire Contract Summary Screen will be displayed.

C Contract Inquiry (Continued)

The following is an example of Inquire Contract Summary Screen.



D Activating a Contract

The "Activate a Contract" function will be available in a future version release

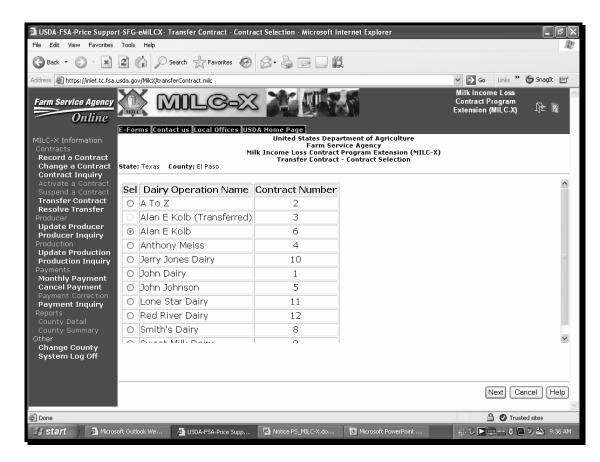
E Suspending a Contract

The "Suspend a Contract" function will be available in a future version release.

F Transferring a Contract

To transfer a contract from one county to another, click on the "**Transfer Contract**". The MILC-X Transfer Contract —Contract Selection Screen will display the Dairy Operation names and the contract numbers for the selected County.

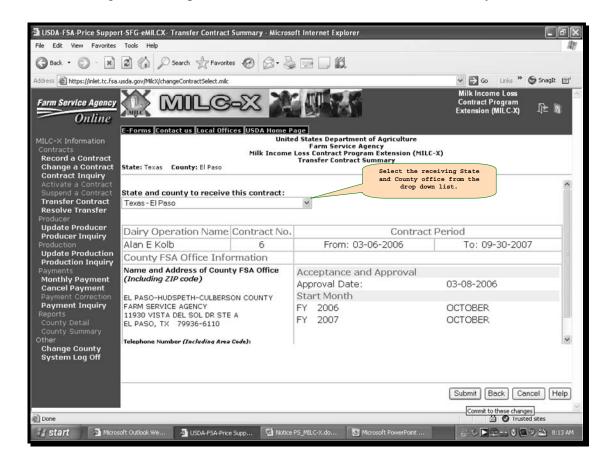
The following is an example of the MILC-X Transfer Contract – Contract Selection Screen.



Select the dairy operation to transfer and click "Next". The MILC-X Transfer Contract Summary Screen will be displayed.

F Transferring a Contract (Continued)

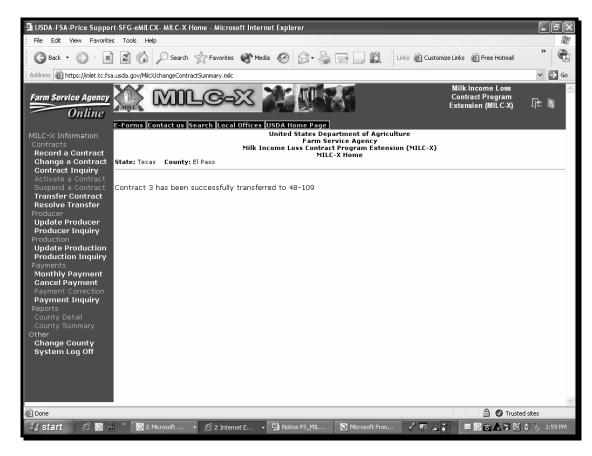
The following is an example of the MILC-X Transfer Contract Summary Screen.



Select the State and county to receive the contract and click "**Submit**". The message, "Contract # has been successfully transferred to ##-###", will be displayed with the State and county code.

F Transferring a Contract (Continued)

The following is an example of the MILC-X Home Page which displays that a contract has been successfully transferred.

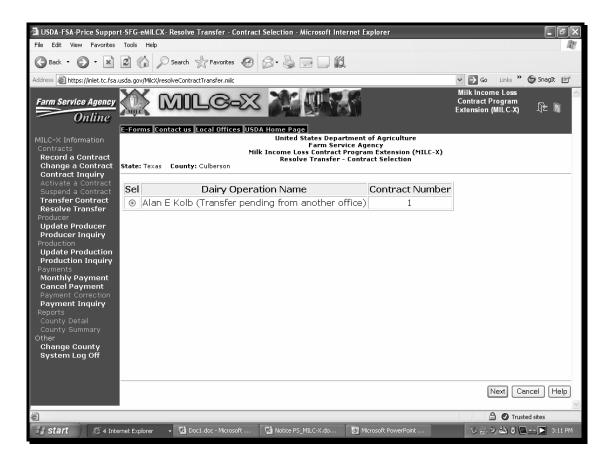


Note: After a contract has been successfully transferred, the transferring county may inquire and view the contract, **but** will **not** be able to perform any other function.

G Resolving a Transfer

To receive a transferred contract from another county, click "**Resolve Transfer**". The MILC-X Resolve Contract - Contract Selection Screen will be displayed with the dairy operation names and the contract numbers for the selected county.

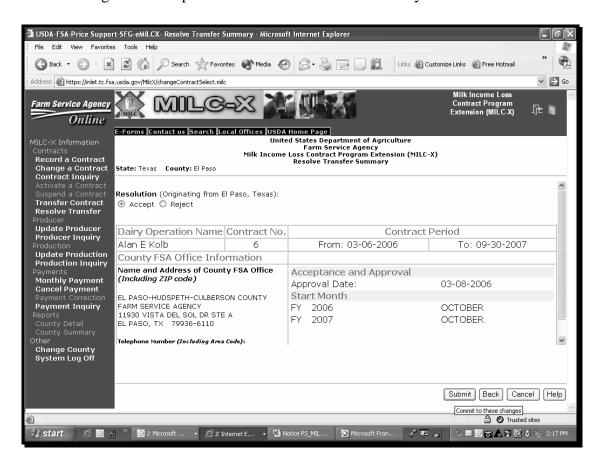
The following is an example of the MILC-X Resolve Contract – Contract Selection Screen.



Select the dairy operation to resolve and click "Next". MILC-X Resolve Contract Summary Screen will be displayed.

G Resolving a Transfer (Continued)

The following is an example of the Resolve Transfer Summary Screen.



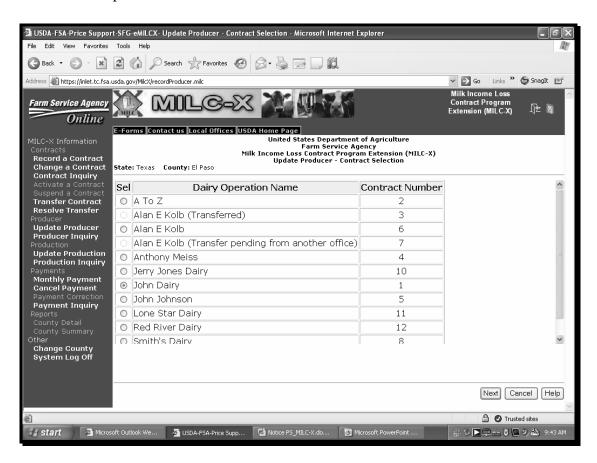
After reviewing of the information, click either "Accept" or "Reject" the resolution and click "Submit". The MILC-X Home Page will be displayed with the message, "Contract # has been successfully accepted (rejected)."

A Updating a Producer

The Update Producer Screen provides the capability to record the producers for a contract and to modify existing producer records if a payment has not yet been made for the month. Select a FY and month (contract period) to perform any of the following functions as applicable:

- Copy copies all the producer information of an existing contract period (selected record), including share percentage, contract signed date, accept payment indicator, and POC (point of contact) for a new contract period
- Add displays a new page to enter a producer record for the selected contract period
- Edit allows the user to change the contract signed date
- **Remove** removes the selected producer from the specified contract period.

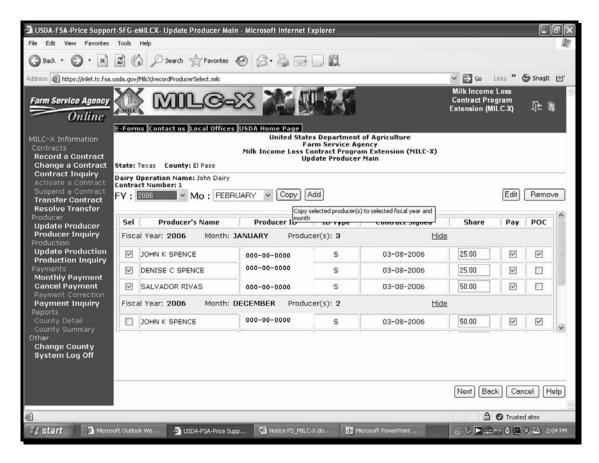
To update or add a producer, click "**Update Producer**". The following is an example of the MILC-X Update Producer – Contract Selection Screen.



Select the dairy operation to update and click "Next".

A Updating a Producer (Continued)

The following is an example of the Update Producer Screen. To update or copy an existing producer record, click "**Unhide**" if necessary, to display the producer information for the contract period of interest before proceeding with any of the functions. Select the record to update.



To copy producers, select the:

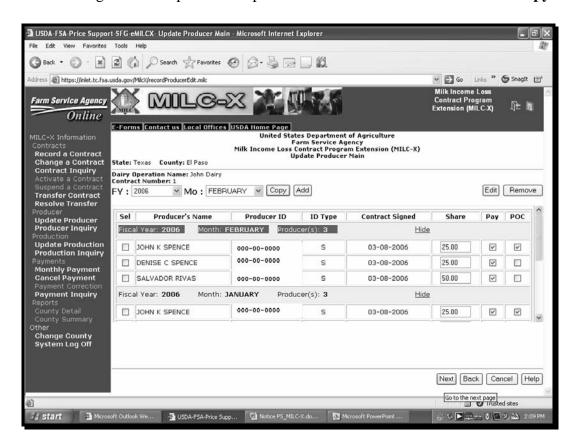
- FY
- month
- producers
- click "copy".

A Updating a Producer (Continued)

Click "Copy" or "Edit" and proceed according to the screen flow to successful completion:

Note: For each function, the user must ensure the following:

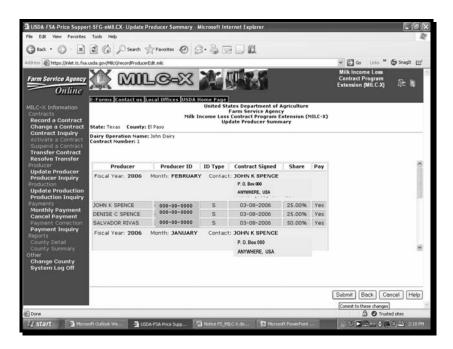
- shares are entered correctly and total 100 percent for that month
- "Pay" is checked if the producer is to receive his portion of the payment
- POC (Point of Contact) is indicated by a check mark for **only 1 producer per contract period month**.
- the following is an example of the Update Producer Screen after user clicks "Copy"



• after copying, click "Next", the Update Producer Summary Screen will be displayed

A Updating a Producer (Continued)

the following is an example of the Update Producer Summary Screen, click
"Submit" to accept updates



• the message, "Successfully updated producers for contract #" will be displayed

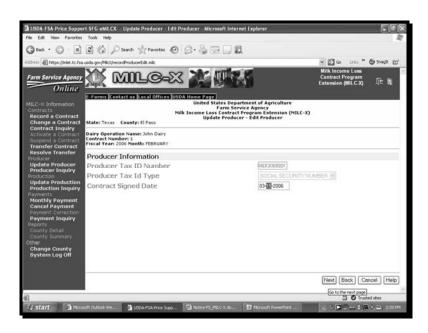


A Updating a Producer (Continued)

• the following is an example of the Update Producer Screen if user clicks "Edit", select producers to edit and click "Next"



• the following is an example of the Update Producer - Edit Producer Screen that will be displayed

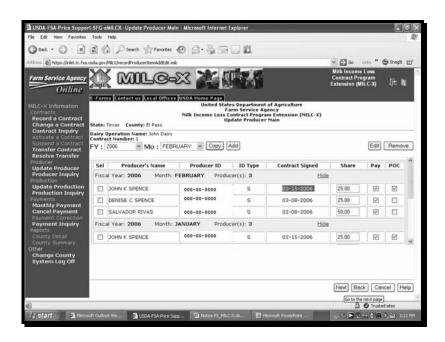


Note: Only the Contract Signed Date is editable;

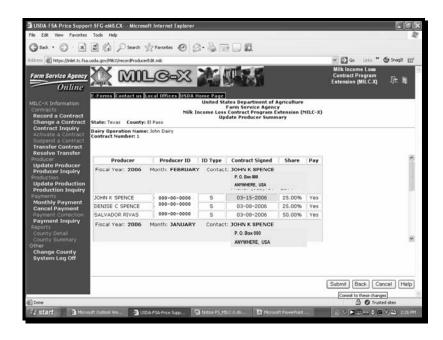
• click "Next" to continue

A Updating a Producer (Continued)

the following is an example displaying the "Contract Signed" data updated, click
"Next" to continue

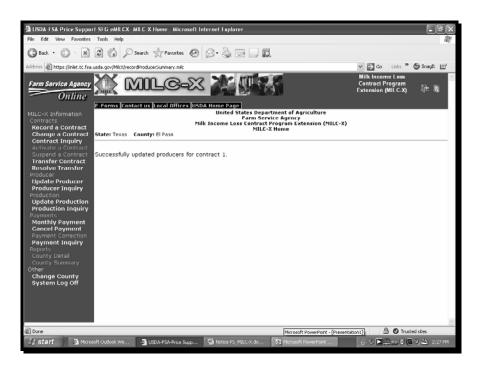


• the following is an example of the Update Producer Summary Screen, click "Submit" to accept update



A Updating a Producer (Continued)

• the message, "Successfully updated producers for contract #" will be displayed

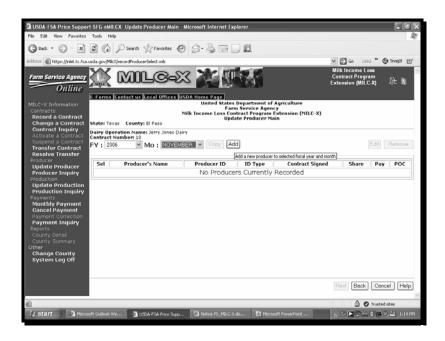


A Updating a Producer (Continued)

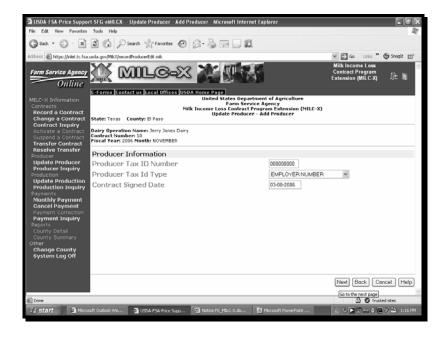
The following are examples of screens to "add" a producer:

Note: Click "Next"/"Submit" to continue the process to a successful completion.

select the FY and month, and click "Add", the
Update Producer - Add Producer Screen will be displayed

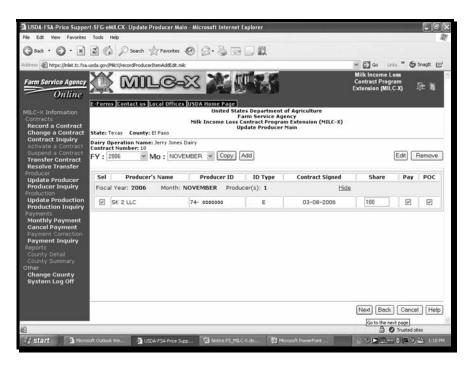


• enter the producer tax ID number, ID type, contract signed date, and click "Next"

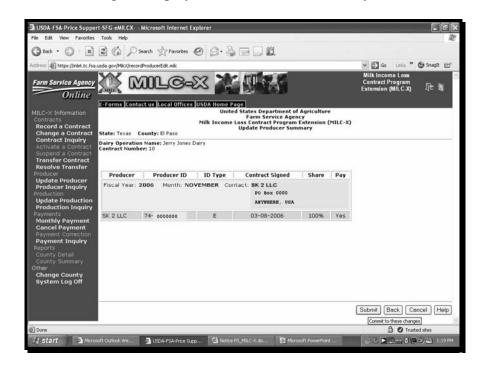


A Updating a Producer (Continued)

• the following is an example of the producer information displayed on the screen, click "Next" to continue, the Update Producer Summary Screen will be displayed

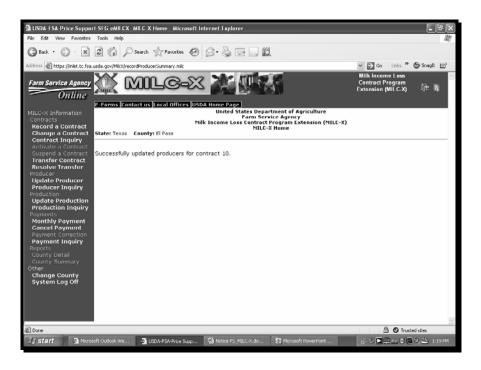


• after reviewing the displayed information for accuracy, click "Submit"



A Updating a Producer (Continued)

• the message, "Successfully updated producers for contract #" will be displayed

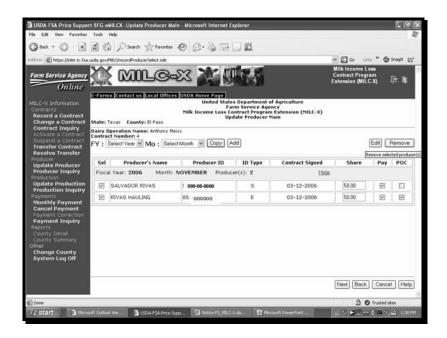


A Updating a Producer (Continued)

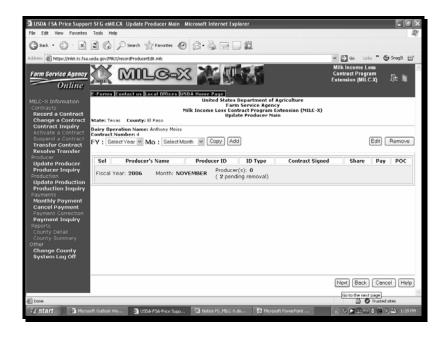
The following are examples of screens to "remove" a producer:

Note: Click "Next"/"Submit" to continue the process to a successful completion.

• select the producer to be removed, and click "remove"

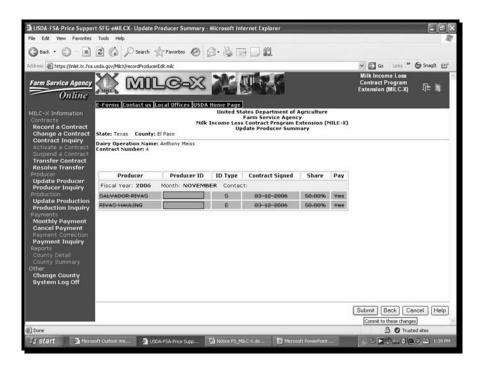


• the screen displays the FY, month, and producers pending removal, click "Next" to confirm removal request



A Updating a Producer (Continued)

• the Update Producer Summary Screen will be displayed, click "Submit" to continue

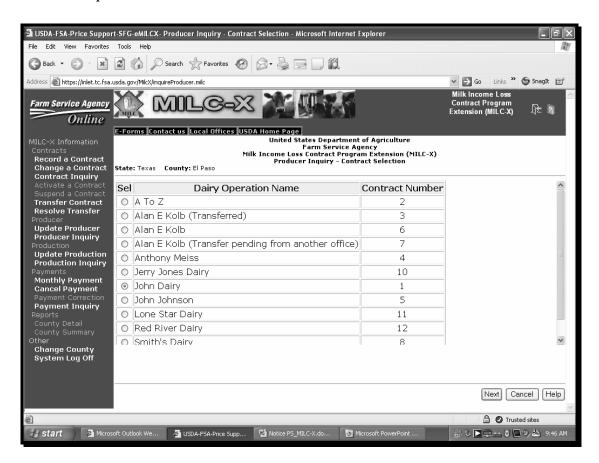


• the message, "Successfully updated producers for contract #" will be displayed.



B Producer Inquiry

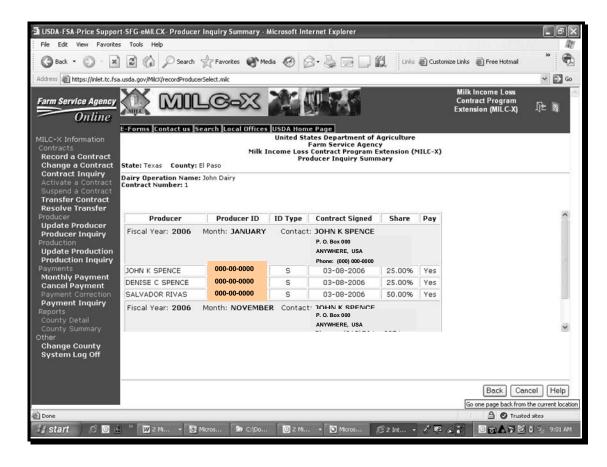
To inquire on a producer, click "**Producer Inquiry**". The following is an example of the MILC-X Inquire Producer – Contract Selection Screen.



Select the dairy operation to inquire and click "Next". The MILC-X Inquire Producer Summary Screen will be displayed with the producer's information.

B Producer Inquiry (Continued)

The following is an example of the MILC-X Inquire Producer Summary Screen.

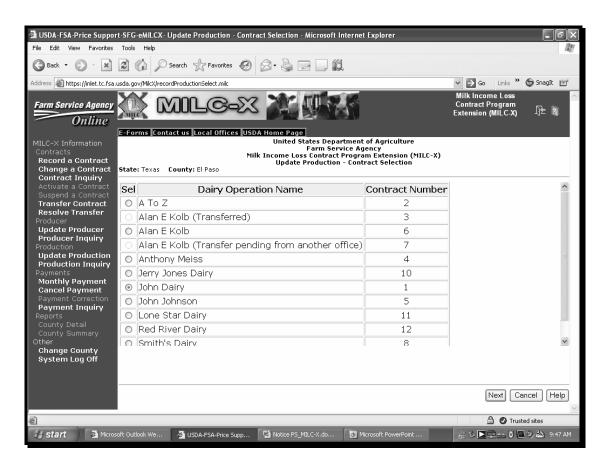


5 Production

A Updating Production

After updating the producer information (see subparagraph 4 A), update the production for the contract. To update production, click "Update Production". The MILC-X Update Production – Contract Selection Screen will be displayed.

The following is an example of the MILC-X Update Production – Contract Selection Screen.

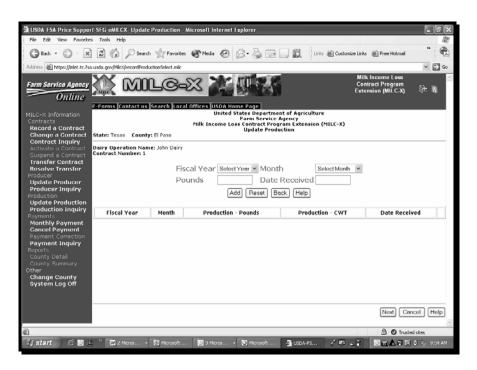


After selecting a dairy operation, click "**Next**". The MILC-X Update Production Screen will be displayed.

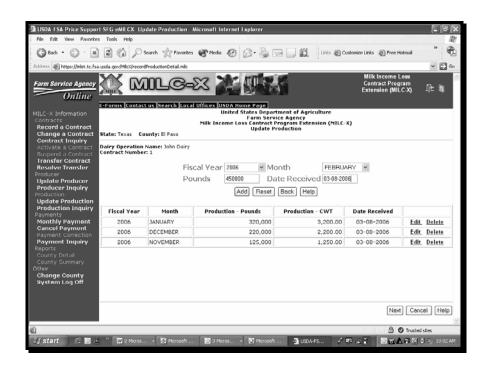
A Updating Production (Continued)

The following are examples of the MILC-X Update Production Screen:

unpopulated



• populated.



A Updating Production (Continued)

On the MILC-X Update Production Screen, enter the following:

- FY
- month
- production (in pounds)
- date production evidence was received.

Click "Add" to display this data in the table. Use "Reset" to clear the data entry fields.

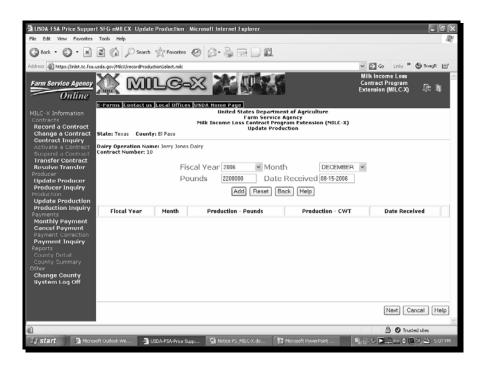
"Edit" and "Delete" may be used to change or remove unpaid production entries. Use the "Delete" function to display the data of the selected row in the data entry fields. After verifying the data to be deleted, click "Remove" to confirm the deletion.

Use the "Edit" function to display the data of the selected row in the data entry fields. Only the Pounds and Date Received may be edited.

Note: Always "Save" the updated production information.

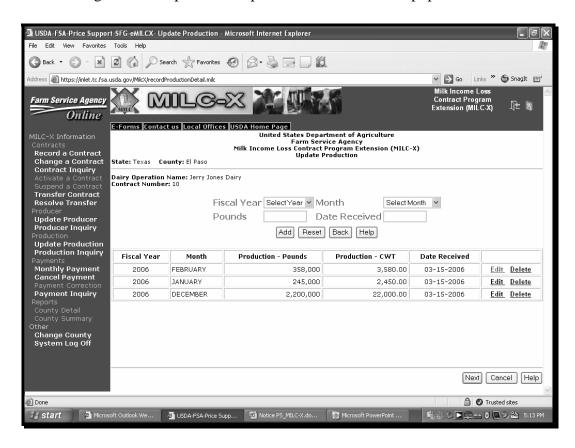
After adding, modifying, or deleting entries, click "**Next**". The MILC-X Update Production Summary Screen will be displayed:

• the following is an example of the Update Production Screen unpopulated



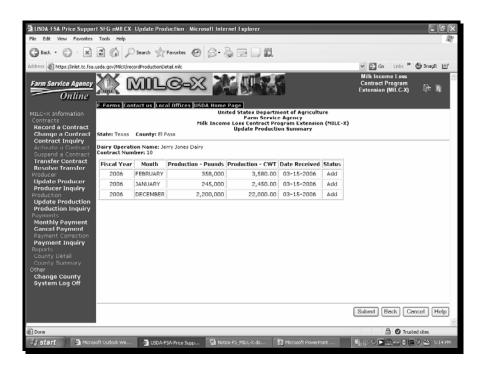
A Updating Production (Continued)

• the following is an example of the Update Production Screen populated.

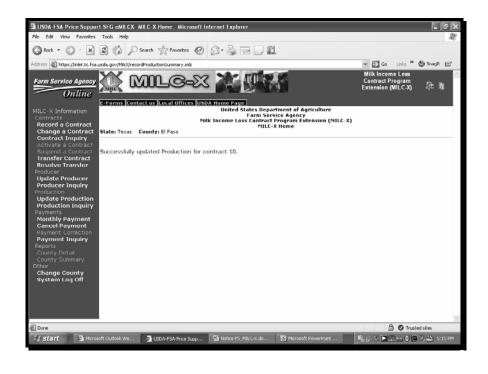


A Updating Production (Continued)

The following is an example of the MILC-X Update Production Summary Screen.



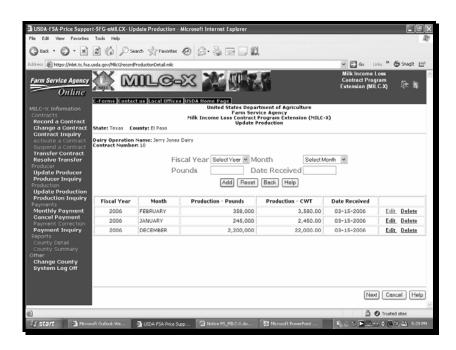
Click "**Submit**" after reviewing and verifying the summary information. The message, "Successfully updated Production for Contract #" will be displayed if update is successful.



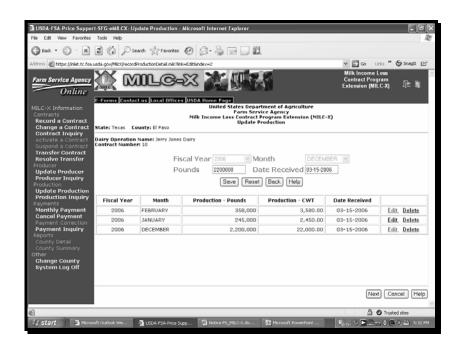
5 Production (Continued)

A Updating Production (Continued)

• the following is an example of the Update Production Screen when user clicks "Edit".



the following is an example of the data fields to be edited; after making changes, click
"Next"

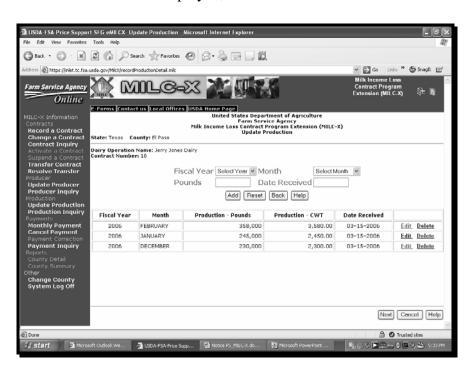


Note: Only the pounds and date revised are available to edit.

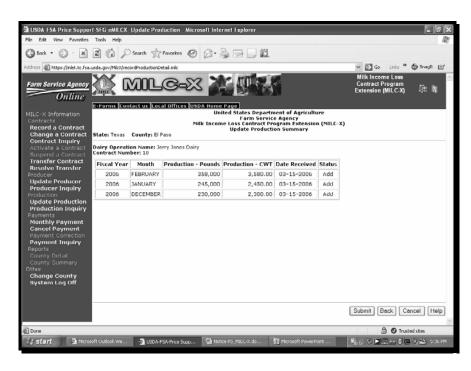
5 Production (Continued)

A Updating Production (Continued)

• the edited data will be displayed, click "Next" to continue



• the Update Production Summary Screen will be displayed, click "Submit" to complete the change.



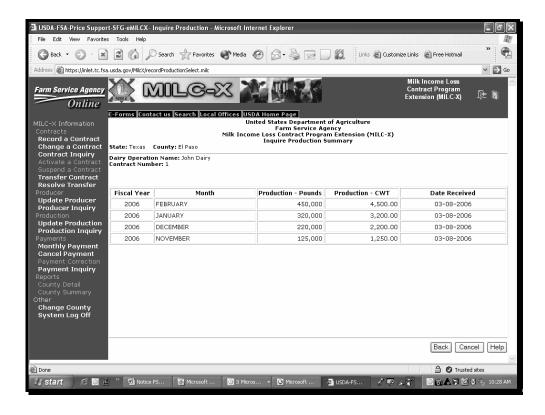
5 Production (Continued)

B Production Inquiry

To inquire on production, click "**Production Inquiry**". Select a dairy from the list of dairy operations and click "**Next**" to continue. The MILC-X Inquire Production Summary Screen will be displayed with the following information:

- FY
- month
- production in pounds
- production in cwt
- date received.

The following is an example of the MILC-X Inquire Production Summary Screen.

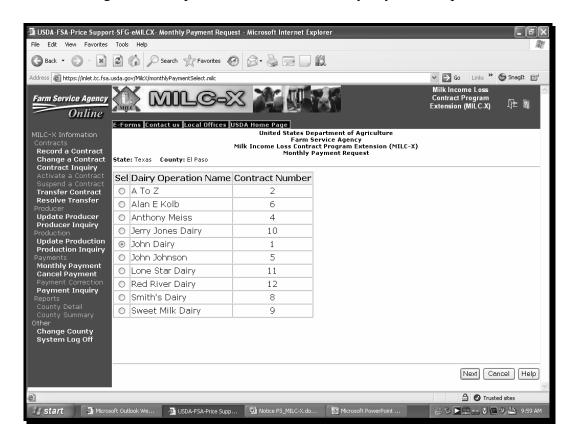


6 Payments

A Issuing a Monthly Payment

To issue a monthly payment, click "Monthly Payment". The MILC-X Monthly Payment Request Screen will be displayed listing the dairy operations that have data entered for monthly production.

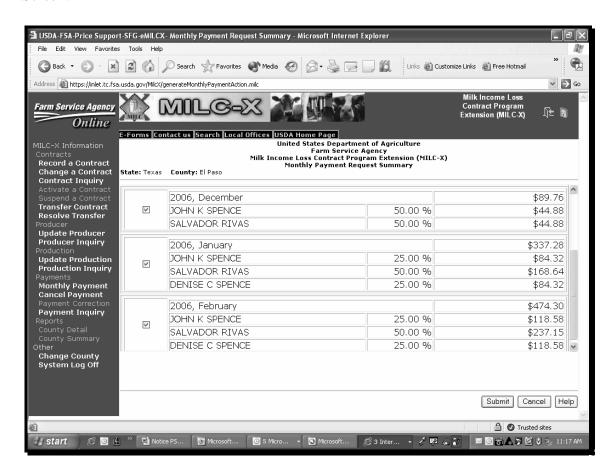
The following is an example of the MILC-X Monthly Payment Request Screen.



After selecting a dairy operation, click "Next". The MILC-X Monthly Payment Request Summary Screen will be displayed.

A Issuing a Monthly Payment (Continued)

The following is an example of the MILC-X Monthly Payment Request Summary Screen.

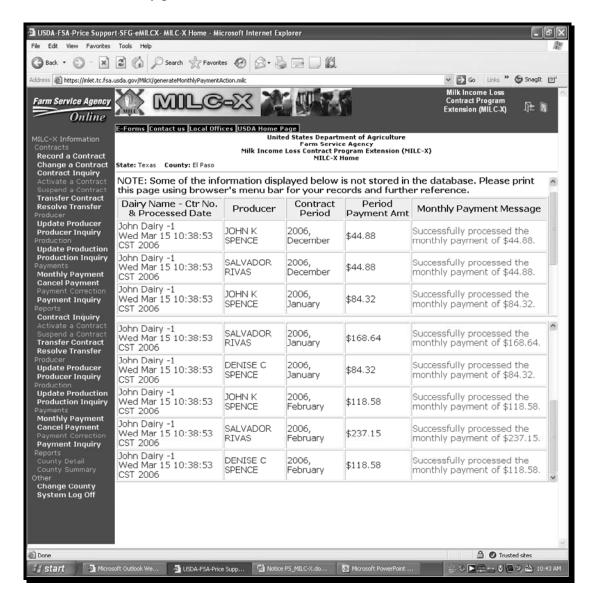


After selecting a month or months to be paid, click "**Submit**" to send payment information to National Payment Service (NPS). A success message will be displayed if the payment request is successfully submitted to NPS.

Note: Monthly payments must be disbursed consecutively.

A Issuing a Monthly Payment (Continued)

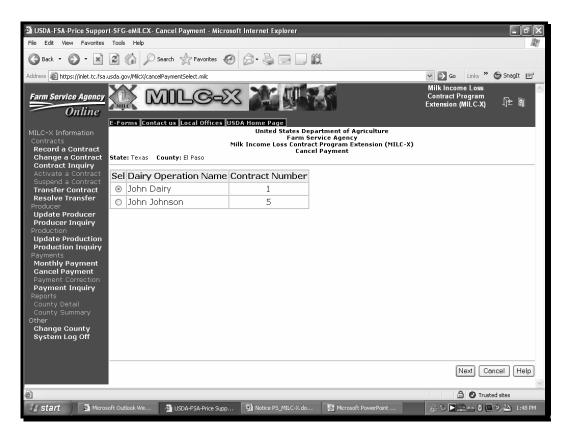
The following is an example of the MILC-X Home Page which displays that a contract has been successfully paid.



B Canceling a Payment

To cancel disbursed payments, click "Cancel Payment". The MILC-X Cancel Payment Screen will be displayed listing the dairy operations that have received payments.

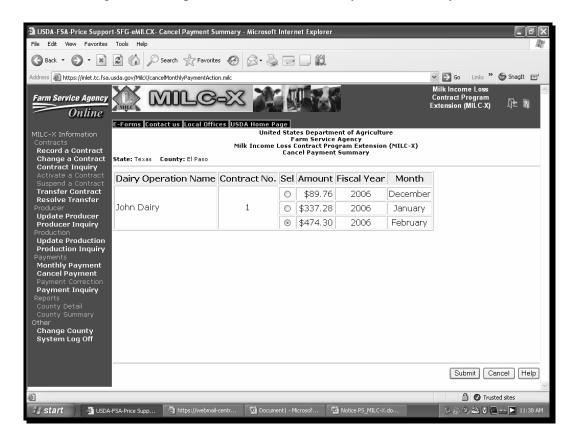
The following is an example of the MILC-X Cancel Payment Screen.



After selecting a dairy operation, click "**Next**". The MILC-X Cancel Payment Summary Screen will be displayed.

B Canceling a Payment (Continued)

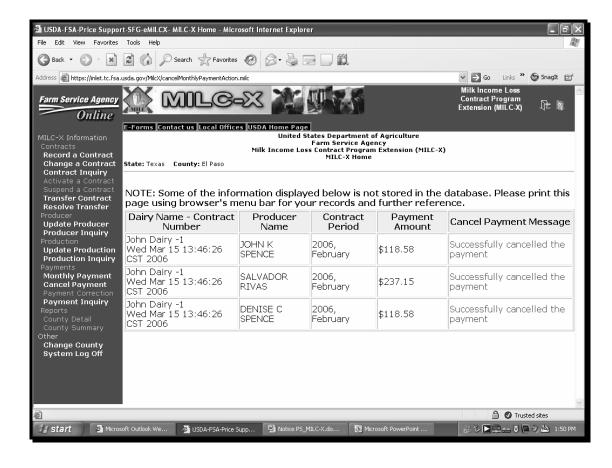
The following is an example of MILC-X Cancel Payment Summary Screen.



After selecting the payment to cancel, click "**Submit**". All subsequent payments and the selected payment will be canceled. A successful cancellation message will be displayed.

B Canceling a Payment (Continued)

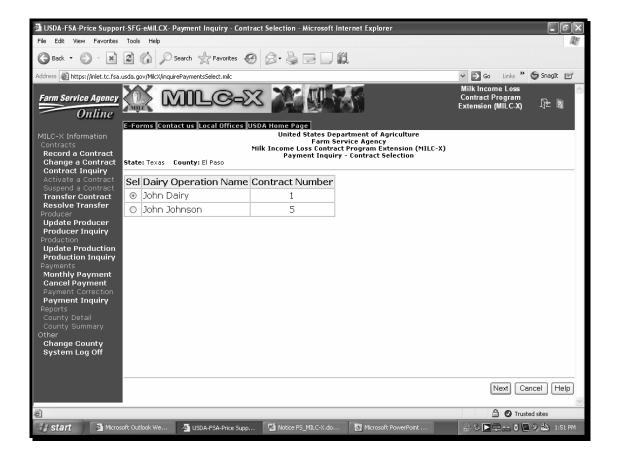
The following is an example of the MILC-X Home Page which displays that a payment has been successfully cancelled.



C Payment Inquiry

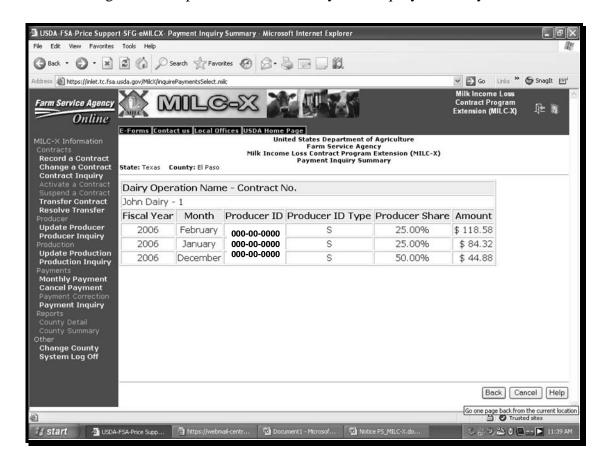
To inquire on payment, click "Payment Inquiry". The MILC-X Payment Inquiry – Contract Selection Screen will be displayed. Select a dairy from the list of dairy operations and click "Next" to continue.

The following is an example of the MILC-X Payment Inquiry – Contract Selection Screen.



C Payment Inquiry (Continued)

The following is an example of the MILC-X Payment Inquiry Summary Screen.



7 Other Functions

A Changing a County

To change a county in a multi-county FSA Service Center, click "Change County". The MILC-X Select County Screen will be displayed.

The following is an example of the MILC-X Select County Screen,

