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TO: Interested Persons - Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUBJECT: Final Decision on Simultaneous Pooling of Milk

The Secretary of Agriculture recently issued a final decision for the Upper Midwest Marketing Area. The decision proposes to adopt as a final rule, order language contained in the interim final rule published in the Federal Register on April 22, 2002 concerning pooling provisions of the Upper Midwest Federal milk order.

Specifically, this final decision would continue to prohibit the ability to simultaneously pool the same milk on the Upper Midwest Federal milk order and a State-operated milk order that has marketwide pooling. Additionally, the final decision would continue to limit the amount of milk that can be diverted to nonpool plants from pool distributing plants regulated under the order.

The proposed amendments have been in effect on an interim basis since May 1, 2002, and are based on the record of a public hearing held at Bloomington, Minnesota in June 2001.

The provisions in this final decision are unchanged from the interim final rule.

A paper copy of the final decision can be obtained by calling Harold Ferguson of my staff toll free at (888) 301-8224, Ext. 231. An electronic version of the document is available on our web site at www.fmma30.com.

Cooperative associations will be polled to determine whether producers favor the issuance of the order. The order may not be made effective unless cooperative associations representing at least two-thirds of the eligible producers favor its issuance.

/s/ H. Paul Kyburz
Market Administrator