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### Forward Contract Pilot Program

#### Special points of interest:

- February Producer Price Differential - \$0.56 / cwt.
- February Statistical Uniform Price - \$10.10 / cwt.



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#### The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000, required for the Secretary of Agriculture the to establish a temporary pilot program for forward contracting of milk. On March 1, USDA published a proposed rule for the implementation of a forward pricing program in the *Federal Register*. Under the new pilot program, dairy farmers and cooperatives who martot their milk under Foderal

ket their milk under Federal milk marketing orders will be able to enter into forward pricing contracts with proprietary handlers who purchase their milk.

Interested persons had until March 16 to submit comments on these proposed provisions. USDA is expected to issue the final provisions in the near future.

The pilot program will only apply to federally regulated milk used for manufactured dairy products. Fluid milk (Class I) is not eligible for forward contracting under the pilot program.

Under the proposed rule for the pilot program, a handler will be able to enter into forward contracts with dairy farmers and cooperative associations for any milk receipts that do not exceed the handler's manufacturing uses of milk for the month. For the volume of milk covered by forward contracts, a handler is exempt from paying minimum Federal order price(s) to producers and cooperative associations. Instead, prices as agreed to in the forward contract will be paid.

Requirements of the proposed rule include:

- The first contract may not exceed six months.
- The contract must be signed before the month for which it would be effective and received by

the Market Administrator by the  $15^{\text{th}}$  of the first month.

- The contract must give producers the opportunity to change his or her mind within three days of signing the contract.
- The contract must be accompanied by a disclosure statement signed by each producer or cooperative and dated the same day as the contract.

These provisions are intended to help producers become familiar with a new method for pricing their milk and managing risk. А USDA Fact Sheet also provides useful guidelines and tips that producers should consider in deciding whether to enter into a forward contract. The Fact Sheet is available from any market administrator, or can be downloaded from the AMS web site, at: www.ams.usda. gov/dairy.

### Producer Price Differential is 56¢

The producer price differential for the Upper Midwest Order for February 2000 is 56¢ per cwt., resulting in a statistical uniform price of \$10.10 per cwt., down 38¢ from January. The decline resulted primarily from lower cheese prices.

Producer milk in February

2000 totaled 2.3 billion pounds, down 0.3% on a daily basis from January. During the month, 22,874 producers delivered to the market with an average daily delivery of 3,491 pounds.

Class I use in February totaled 339 million pounds, up 3.2% on a daily basis from January. The increase resulted primarily from an increase in disposition of fluid milk products on routes. During the month, Class I usage accounted for 14.9% of producer milk.

Market statistics for February are shown on pages 4 and 5.

### **Distributing Plant Units**

Distributing plants (bottling plants) are defined in § 1030.5, with performance requirements defined in § 1030.7(a) and (b). These performance requirements can be met as a "unit", as defined in § 1030.7(e).

At least one of the plants in the unit must qualify as a distributing plant, with

#### Unit A

- Dean Foods Company Belvidere, IL
- Dean Foods Company Chemung, IL
- Dean Foods Company Huntley, IL
- Dean Foods Company Rockford, IL

### Supply Plant Systems

Supply plants are defined in § 1030.6, with performance requirements defined in § 1030.7(c). In general, supply plants are required to ship 10% of their receipts to bottling plants.

These performance requirements can be met as a "system", as defined in § 1030.7(f).

the other plants using at least 50% of their milk processing Class I or Class II products.

This unit pooling provision allows shipments to the any of the plants in the unit to count as qualifying shipments by the shipping (supply) plant system. All plants in a distributing plant unit must be operated by the same handler.

The following distributing plants requested unit pooling effective February 1, 2000. These units will continue from month-to-month until further notice.

#### Unit B

- Marigold Foods, Inc. Cedarburg, WI
- Marigold Foods, Inc. Farmington, MN
- Marigold Foods, Inc. Minneapolis, MN
- Marigold Foods, Inc. Rochester, MN

This provision allows two or more supply plants operated by one or more handlers to qualify for pooling by meeting the shipping requirements in the same manner as a single plant. In other words, an individual plant in a system does not need to qualify on its own, as long as the system as a whole qualifies. Supply plants in a system generally

must be located in the marketing area.

The following supply plants requested system pooling for the period of February through July 2000.

Thereafter, systems will be formed annually for the 12-month period of August through July.

#### System A

- Associated Milk Producers, Inc. Turtle Lake, WI
- Associated Milk Producers, Inc. Jim Falls, WI
- Associated Milk Producers, Inc. Paynesville, MN
- Associated Milk Producers, Inc. Blair, WI
- Associated Milk Producers, Inc. Glencoe, MN
- Associated Milk Producers, Inc. New Prague, MN
- Associated Milk Producers, Inc. Pelican Rapids, MN

#### System B

- The First District Association Litchfield, MN
- Bongards' Creameries Bongards, MN

#### System C

- Cass-Clay Creamery, Inc. Jamestown, ND
- Cass-Clay Creamery, Inc. New Salem, ND

#### System D

- Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. Zumbrota, MN
- Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. Winsted, MN
- Cady Cheese Factory, Inc. Wilson, WI
- Alto Dairy Cooperative Waupun, WI
- Alto Dairy Cooperative Black Creek, WI
- Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. Germantown, WI
- Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. Fond du Lac, WI

#### System E

- Dean Milk Procurement Company Janesville, WI
- Sorrento Lactalis, Inc. Arpin, WI
- Weyauwega Milk Products, Inc. Weyauwega, WI
- Weyauwega Milk Products, Inc. Little Chute, WI
- White Clover Dairy, Inc. Hollandtown, WI
- Wisconsin Dairy State Cheese Company, Inc. Rudolph, WI

#### System E (continued)

- Lynn Dairy, Inc. Granton, WI
- Nasonville Dairy, Inc. Marshfield, WI
- The Antigo Cheese Company Antigo, WI
- BelGioioso Cheese, Inc. Denmark, WI
- BelGioioso Cheese, Inc. Pulaski, WI
- Berner Cheese Corporation Rock City, IL
- LaGrander's Hillside Dairy, Inc. Stanley, WI
- ConAgra Grocery Products Menomonie, WI
- Edelweiss Cheese Co., Inc. Marshfield, WI
- Mullins Cheese, Inc. Mosinee, WI
- Schneider Cheese, Inc. Waldo, WI
- Zimmerman Cheese, Inc. Wiota, WI
- Gad Cheese, Inc. Medford, WI
- North Hendren Co-op Dairy Co. Willard, WI
- Cedar Grove Cheese, Inc. Plain, WI
- Cedar Valley Cheese, Inc. Belgium, WI
- Dean Milk Procurement Company Shullsburg, WI

#### System F

- Foremost Farms USA, Cooperative Elkhorn, WI
- Sartori Food Corporation Plymouth, WI
- Family Dairies USA Kewaskum, WI
- NFO, Inc. South Wayne, WI
- Morningstar Foods, Inc. Madison, WI
- Foremost Farms USA, Cooperative Sauk City, WI
- Grande Cheese Company Brownsville, WI
- NFO, Inc. Fond du Lac, WI
- Coulee Region Organic Produce Pool Chaseburg, WI
- Foremost Farms USA, Cooperative Appleton, WI
- NFO, Inc. Sauk City, WI
- NFO, Inc. Taylor, WI

#### System F (continued)

- Chula Vista Cheese Co. Browntown, WI
- Eau Galle Cheese Factory, Inc. Durand, WI
- F & A Dairy Products, Inc. Dresser, WI
- Badger Dairies, Inc. Turtle Lake, WI
- Grand Meadow Cooperative Dairy Company Stratford, WI
- Foremost Farms USA, Cooperative Alma Center, WI
- Foremost Farms USA, Cooperative Wilson, WI

#### System G

- Land O'Lakes, Inc. Kiel, WI
- Land O'Lakes, Inc. Denmark, WI
- Land O'Lakes, Inc. Greenwood, WI
- Land O'Lakes, Inc. Pine Island, MN
- Land O'Lakes, Inc. Caledonia, MN
- Kraft Foods Inc. Melrose, MN
- Land O'Lakes, Inc. Perham, MN

#### System H

- Mid-West Dairymen's Company Rockford, IL
- Kolb-Lena Bresse Bleu, Inc. Lena, IL
- Kraft Foods Inc. Beaver Dam, WI
- Stockton Cheese, Inc. Stockton, IL
- Krohn Dairy Products, Inc. Luxemburg, WI
- Westby Cooperative Creamery Westby, WI

#### System I

- Swiss Valley Farms Company Soldiers Grove, WI
- Swiss Valley Farms Company Platteville, WI
- Klondike Cheese Company Monroe, WI

### Upper Midwest Pool Statistics — February 2000

			Producer Milk				
Market Class I Differential Rate	Pool Plants	Received at Pool Plants	Diverted to Pool and Nonpool Plants	Total	Location Adjustment to Producers	Class I Diff to Hanc	e. e. u.a.
Cwt.	Number		Pounds		Value	Pounds	Value
\$1.80	5	44,797,047	9,087,139	53,884,186	\$0	45,354,015	\$ 816,372
\$1.75	47	329,843,402	612,870,407	942,713,809	471,357	158,149,027	2,767,608
\$1.70	47	229,882,746	930,312,421	1,160,195,167	1,160,195	115,039,769	1,955,676
\$1.65	8	29,740,891	78,761,893	108,502,784	162,754	20,852,787	344,071
Restricted	0	0	3,357,037	3,357,037	6,496	0	0
Total	107	634,264,086	1,634,388,897	2,268,652,983	\$1,800,803	339,395,598	\$5,883,727

# Computation of Producer Price Differential — February 2000

		Utilization Percentage	Product Pounds	Component Pounds	Rate	Value
Class I	Differential Value					\$ 5,883,727.37
	Product	14.9%	339,395,598			
	Skim Milk			334,115,727	\$ 7.7200	25,793,734.12
	Butterfat			5,279,871	0.9302	4,911,336.0
Class II	Product	3.4%	76,630,990			
	Nonfat Solids			6,273,219	0.9356	5,869,223.7
	Butterfat			7,240,513	0.9658	6,992,887.4
Class III	Product	81.1%	1,839,860,315			
	Protein			55,720,581	1.9849	110,599,781.24
	Other Solids			104,637,188	0.0432	4,520,326.5
	Butterfat			67,599,335	0.9588	64,814,242.3
Class IV	Product	0.6%	12,766,080			
	Nonfat Solids			640,846	0.8565	548,884.6
	Butterfat			5,682,373	0.9588	5,448,259.2
SCC Adjus	tment (Class II, III, and	IV)				329,972.9
Total Prod	ucer Milk *		2,268,652,983			\$ 235,712,375.5
Add:	Overage					118,835.9
	Inventory Reclassifie	d				(93,493.9
	Other Source Milk §.6	60(h)				0.0
	Other Source Milk §.6	60(i)	163,937			4,704.9
Subtract:	Transportation Credit	I				165,149.7
	Assembly Credit					269,040.8
	Credit for Reconstitut	ed FMP				0.0
	Producer Milk Proteir	ו				136,138,828.5
	Producer Milk Other					5,567,336.4
	Producer Milk Butterf					82,267,045.7
	Producer Milk SCC A	djustment				 423,253.7
Total Milk	and Value		2,268,816,920			\$ 10,911,767.3
Add:	Location Adjustment	Producer and U	nregulated Supply I	Plant Milk		1,800,966.5
	One-Half Unobligated	d Balance Produce	r Settlement Fund			 907,919.9
Total Value	e				0.600342	\$ 13,620,653.8
Subtract:	Producer Settlement	Fund Reserve			0.040340	915,279.1

\* An estimated 47 million pounds of milk was not pooled.



### Utilization and Classification

2000	January 2000		
Butterfat	Product		
Pounds	Pounds		
1,666,989	53,527,764		
173,054	5,439,541		
2,605,749	134,968,593		
378,312	44,419,163		
100,813	86,661,786		
234,491	23,160,780		
20,819	2,898,416		
5,180,227	351,076,043		
415,012	26,644,781		
43,466	1,918,610		
136,892	2,208,829		
5,775,597	381,848,263		
(73,044)	(3,749,288)		
(418,856)	(28,442,810)		
0	0		
(13,645)	(701,583)		
0	0		
9,819	2,576,556		
5,279,871	351,531,138		
8,008,753	85,016,874		
(29,707)	(3,121,909)		
(48,833)	(10,225,591)		
(689,700)	(1,243,419)		
	(1,210,110)		
7,240,513	70,425,955		
68,372,330	2,006,278,550		
(64,691)	(2,688,029)		
(279,466)	(15,710,254)		
(279,400)	(13,710,234)		
-	(19,077,458)		
(423,030) (5,808)	(19,077,438) (19,141)		
67,599,335	1,968,783,668		
01,000,000	1,000,100,000		
7,206,878	66,820,096		
(126,700)			
,	(8,618,930)		
(1,050,824)			
(270.860)			
(279,869)	(15,106,388)		
	(1,203,662) <b>41,891,116</b>		
	2,432,631,877		
	(279,869) (67,112) <b>5,682,373</b> <b>85,802,092</b>		

## **Commodity Prices**

Weighted Monthly Average NASS Prices *								Weighted Two-Week Average NASS Prices *				
Month/Year	Blocks	Barrels	Average	Butter	NFDM	Dry Whey	Blocks	Barrels	Average	Butter	NFDM	Dry Whey
			Dollars p	er Pound					Dollars p	er Pound		
Feb 1999	\$1.3010	\$1.2575	\$1.2925	\$1.2984	\$1.0359	\$0.1897	\$1.2992	\$1.2415	\$1.2824	\$1.2957	\$1.0411	\$0.1909
Mar	1.3092	1.2749	1.3064	1.3019	1.0169	0.1917	1.3071	1.2748	1.3056	1.3437	1.0180	0.1913
Apr	1.3131	1.2823	1.3126	1.0160	1.0071	0.1845	1.3146	1.2859	1.3154	1.0032	1.0056	0.1842
May	1.2661	1.2123	1.2499	1.0781	1.0069	0.1739	1.2895	1.2222	1.2639	0.9960	1.0055	0.1748
Jun	1.2747	1.2502	1.2786	1.4609	1.0046	0.1711	1.2391	1.2134	1.2422	1.4352	1.0067	0.1717
Jul	1.4702	1.4232	1.4583	1.3793	1.0054	0.1724	1.4673	1.4199	1.4548	1.3705	1.0058	0.1724
Aug	1.7213	1.6822	1.7154	1.3683	1.0089	0.1810	1.6900	1.6522	1.6849	1.4208	1.0087	0.1773
Sep	1.8023	1.6286	1.7084	1.3252	1.0174	0.1892	1.8770	1.7310	1.8008	1.3324	1.0155	0.1872
Oct	1.4388	1.3415	1.3934	1.1273	1.0183	0.1944	1.4851	1.3841	1.4359	1.1439	1.0188	0.1920
Nov	1.2143	1.1713	1.2058	1.0637	1.0168	0.1917	1.2583	1.2188	1.2521	1.0695	1.0184	0.1901
Dec	1.1319	1.1096	1.1371	0.9179	1.0111	0.1892	1.1191	1.1008	1.1268	0.9220	1.0125	0.1870
Jan 2000	1.1417	1.1279	1.1517	0.8820	1.0115	0.1857	1.1652	1.1416	1.1696	0.8768	1.0114	0.1859
Feb	1.1028	1.0793	1.1067	0.9002	1.0106	0.1788	1.1054	1.0804	1.1084	0.9105	1.0104	0.1800
Jan 2000	1.1417	1.1279	1.1517	0.8820	1.0115	0.1857	1.1652	1.1416	1.1696	0.8768	1.01	14

	Chicag	go Mercantile Exch	ange					
Month/Year	Butter Prices	Cheese Prices		NF	DM	Dry Whey		
	Grade AA **	40 lb. Block	Barrel	Central	Western	Central	Western	
			Ľ	ollars per Pound				
Feb 1999	\$1.3153	\$1.3189	\$1.2847	\$1.0437	\$1.0257	\$0.1875	\$0.2013	
Mar	1.2927	1.3300	1.2964	1.0239	1.0100	0.1863	0.1963	
Apr	1.0298	1.3224	1.2739	1.0228	1.0009	0.1726	0.1882	
May	1.1289	1.2389	1.2059	1.0228	1.0000	0.1638	0.1750	
Jun	1.4931	1.3974	1.3572	1.0139	0.9998	0.1737	0.1709	
Jul	1.3444	1.6307	1.5618	1.0172	1.0012	0.1809	0.1780	
Aug	1.3963	1.8943	1.7865	1.0384	1.0124	0.1972	0.1835	
Sep	1.3393	1.6183	1.4996	1.0486	1.0183	0.2079	0.1902	
Oct	1.1248	1.3031	1.2656	1.0451	1.0175	0.1938	0.1994	
Nov	1.0725	1.1435	1.1251	1.0343	1.0109	0.1834	0.2041	
Dec	0.9163	1.1545	1.1475	1.0168	1.0039	0.1865	0.2004	
Jan 2000	0.9090	1.1285	1.1101	1.0090	1.0038	0.1811	0.1911	
Feb	0.9245	1.1090	1.0910	1.0025	1.0024	0.1751	0.1799	

### Market Statistics

Month/Year	Distributing Plants	Supply Plants	Coop .9(c) Handlers	Producers	Total Producer Milk	Average Daily Delivery	Butterfat Test	Protein Test	Other Solids Test	Weighted Average SCC
		Nu	ımber —		Mil. Ibs.	Pounds		– Percent -		(000)
Jan 2000	29	84	12	22,923	2,433	3,486	3.81	3.05	5.66	308
Feb	28	79	11	22,874	2,269	3,491	3.78	3.02	5.68	316
Mar										
Apr										
May										
Jun										
Jul										
Aug										
Sep										
Oct										
Nov										
Dec										
Jan 2001										
* NASS = Natio	onal Agricultur	al Statisti	cs Service, U	SDA. ** Price	es prior to Ja	anuary 2000 are	FMMA rep	orted price	s.	

### Class Prices \*

	Clas	ss I Price Mo	ver	Class I Price at Cook County, IL			Class II Price				
Month/Year	Butterfat	Skim Milk	3.50%	Butterfat	Skim Milk	3.50%	6	Butterfat	Nonfat Solids	Skim Milk	3.50%
Workin/ Fear	Ib.	cwt.	cwt.	Ib.	cwt.	cwt.	0	Ib.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.
<b>F</b> 1 4000							_				
Feb 1999	\$1.5884	\$11.75	\$16.90	\$1.6064	\$13.55	\$18.7	-	\$1.4514	\$0.9944	\$ 8.95	\$13.72
Mar	1.4411	7.98	12.74	1.4591	9.78	14.54		1.4557	0.9644	8.68	13.47
Apr	1.4996	7.77	12.75	1.5176	9.57	14.5		1.1070	0.9411	8.47	12.05
May	1.0844	8.16	11.67	1.1024	9.96	13.47		1.1827	0.9289	8.36	12.21
Jun	1.0756	7.66	11.16	1.0936	9.46	12.96		1.6496	0.9289	8.36	13.84
Jul	1.6112	7.67	13.04	1.6292	9.47	14.84		1.5500	0.9300	8.37	13.50
Aug	1.5323	7.79	12.88	1.5503	9.59	14.68	-	1.5366	0.9300	8.37	13.46
Sep	1.5937	10.03	15.26	1.6117	11.83	17.00	6	1.4841	0.9322	8.39	13.29
Oct	1.4859	11.75	16.54	1.5039	13.55	18.34	4	1.2427	0.9389	8.45	12.50
Nov	1.2560	8.81	12.90	1.2740	10.61	14.70	0	1.1652	0.9422	8.48	12.26
Dec	1.1652	7.78	11.59	1.1832	9.58	13.39	9	0.9874	0.9422	8.48	11.64
Jan 2000	0.9854	7.72	10.90	1.0034	9.52	12.70	0	0.9436	0.9356	8.42	11.43
Feb	0.9302	7.72	10.71	0.9482	9.52	12.5 <sup>,</sup>	1	0.9658	0.9356	8.42	11.51
Mar	0.9713	7.71	10.84	0.9893	9.51	12.64	4		0.9344	8.41	
			Class III	Price					Class IV	Price	
									Nonfat		
Month/Year	Butterfat	Protein	Other So	olids Skim	Milk 3.5	0%	В	utterfat	Solids	Skim Milk	3.50%
	lb.	lb.	lb.	CWI	t. CI	vt.		lb.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.
Feb 1999	\$1.4444	\$2.0006	\$0.05	44 \$ 6.	52 \$1 <sup>.</sup>	1.35	\$	1.4444	\$0.8813	\$ 7.93	\$12.71
Mar	1.4487	2.0428	0.05	65 6.	67 1 <sup>2</sup>	1.51		1.4487	0.8626	7.76	12.56
Apr	1.1000	2.5104	0.049	91 8.	07 1 <sup>2</sup>	1.64		1.1000	0.8530	7.68	11.26
May	1.1757	2.1984	0.03	81 7.	04 10	).91		1.1757	0.8528	7.68	11.53
Jun	1.6426	1.6992	0.03	52 5.	48 1 <i>°</i>	1.04		1.6426	0.8506	7.66	13.14
Jul	1.5430	2.4431	0.030	66 7.	79 12	2.92		1.5430	0.8514	7.66	12.79
Aug	1.5296	3.3421				5.61		1.5296	0.8548	7.69	12.77
Sep	1.4771	3.3853				5.60		1.4771	0.8631	7.77	12.67
Oct	1.2357	2.6138				2.48		1.2357	0.8640	7.78	11.83
Nov	1.1582	2.0696				).57		1.1582	0.8625	7.76	11.54
-	1.1002	2.0000	0.000						0.0020		

### **Producer Prices**

0.9804

0.9366

0.9588

2.0615

2.1677

1.9849

0.0539

0.0503

0.0432

6.71

7.02

6.41

9.91

10.05

9.54

0.9804

0.9366

0.9588

0.8570

0.8574

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7.71

7.72

7.71

10.87

10.73

10.80

Dec

Jan 2000

Feb

Month/Year	Producer Price Differential	Statistical Uniform Price <i>(at 3.50%)</i>	Butterfat Price	Protein Price	Other Solids Price	SCC Adjustment Rate	Producer Mailbox Price (at test)
	cwt.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.
Jan 2000	\$ 0.43	\$10.48	\$0.9366	\$2.1677	\$0.0503	0.00058	
Feb	\$ 0.56	\$10.10	\$0.9588	\$1.9849	\$0.0432	0.00055	
Mar							
Apr							
May							
Jun							
Jul							
Aug							
Sep							
Oct							
Nov							
Dec							
Jan 2001							
* Prices prior to Jar	uary 2000 are es	timated.					

### Summary of Federal Order Data — February 2000

			Class I			Producer	Statistical Uniform
	Federal Order	Producer	Producer	Class I	Class I	Price	Price at
	Number / Name	Deliveries	Receipts	Utilization	Price	Differential	3.5%
		— Thousand	Pounds —	Percent		<ul> <li>Dollars per Cwt. –</li> </ul>	
1	Northeast	2,034,365	840,450	41.3	\$ 13.96	\$ 2.67	\$ 12.21
5	Appalachian	492,333	344,025	69.9	13.81	n/a	13.13
6	Florida	243,677	220,592	90.5	14.71	n/a	14.40
7	Southeast	632,550	399,062	63.1	13.81	n/a	12.74
30	Upper Midwest	2,268,653	339,396	14.9	12.51	0.56	10.10
32	Central	1,038,566	396,142	38.1	12.71	1.46	11.00
33	Mideast	1,057,525	549,648	52.0	12.71	1.98	11.52
124	Pacific Northwest	549,472	169,442	30.8	12.61	1.52	11.06
126	Southwest	790,020	321,099	40.6	13.71	2.28	11.82
131	Arizona-Las Vegas	271,919	81,311	29.9	13.06	n/a	11.09
135	Western	302,554	83,587	27.6	12.61	1.39	10.93
All Ma	arket Total or Average	9,681,634	3,744,754	38.7			

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