



UPPER MIDWEST MARKETING AREA
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TO: Interested Persons - Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUBJECT: Interim Final Rule to Become Effective July 1, 2005

The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture recently issued the enclosed Interim Final Rule for the Upper Midwest Marketing Area. The decision amends, on an interim and emergency basis, certain pooling standards and transportation credit provisions of the Upper Midwest Federal Milk Order effective July 1, 2005. The issuance of the interim amendments has been approved by more than the required number of producers.

Specifically, this decision amends the Upper Midwest (UMW) Order by: (1) Revising the supply plant performance standards so that milk seeking to be pooled on the order demonstrates consistent service to the Class I market; (2) preventing handlers located within the States that comprise the UMW marketing area (Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan) from qualifying milk located outside of the States that comprise the marketing area; (3) eliminating diversions to nonpool plants outside of the States that comprise the UMW marketing area; and (4) establishing a limit to the transportation credit received by handlers so that it only applies to the first 400 miles of applicable milk movements.

A separate decision will be issued at a later time that will address proposals concerning the depooling and repooling of milk, temporary loss of Grade A status, and increasing the maximum administrative assessment.

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Enclosure