



# PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

## AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

United States Department of Agriculture • 1400 Independence Avenue, SW • Room 3510-S  
Washington, DC 20250 • (202) 720-8998 • World Wide Web: <http://www.ams.usda.gov>

---

Release No. AMS-176-04

Becky Unkenholz (202) 720-8998  
[becky.unkenholz@usda.gov](mailto:becky.unkenholz@usda.gov)  
Billy Cox (202) 720-8998  
[billy.cox@usda.gov](mailto:billy.cox@usda.gov)

### **USDA ANNOUNCES FINAL DECISION TO AMEND ALL FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDERS**

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept 23, 2004 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced a final decision that permanently adopts amendments to the classification of milk provisions in all 10 Federal milk marketing orders. These provisions were previously implemented on an interim basis. This decision is based on testimony and evidence from a public hearing held Oct. 21, 2003, in Alexandria, Va.

This decision adopts changes that reclassify milk used to produce evaporated milk or sweetened condensed milk in consumer-type packages from Class III to Class IV. A proposal to classify monthly bulk milk ending inventories to the lowest-priced class of Class III or Class IV is not adopted in this final decision.

The final decision will be published in the Sept. 24 Federal Register. USDA will conduct a vote within 30 days to determine whether dairy farmers approve the amended orders. If approved, a final rule will follow to implement these changes.

Additional information about the decision may be obtained from the market administrator offices as follows:

Northeast: Erik F. Rasmussen  
USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs  
P.O. Box 51478 (FT Point Station), Boston, MA. 02205-1478  
Tel. (617) 737-7199; email: [erasmussen@fedmilk1.com](mailto:erasmussen@fedmilk1.com)

Appalachian: Harold H. Friedly  
USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs  
P.O. Box 18030, Louisville, KY. 40261-0030  
Tel. (502) 499-0040; email: [friedly@malouisville.com](mailto:friedly@malouisville.com)

-more-

Florida and Southeast: Sue. L. Mosley  
USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs  
P.O. Box 491778, Lawrenceville, GA. 30049  
Tel. (770) 682-2501; email: [smosley@fmmatlanta.com](mailto:smosley@fmmatlanta.com)

Upper Midwest: H. Paul Kyburz  
USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs  
Suite 210, 4570 West 77th St., Minneapolis, MN. 55435-5037  
Tel. (952) 831-5292; email: [pkyburz@fmma30.com](mailto:pkyburz@fmma30.com)

Central: Donald R. Nicholson  
USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs  
P.O. Box 14650, Shawnee Mission, KS. 66285-4650  
Tel. (913) 495-9300; email: [donald.nicholson@fmmacentral.com](mailto:donald.nicholson@fmmacentral.com)

Mideast: David Z. Walker  
USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs  
P.O. Box 30128, Cleveland, OH. 44130-0128  
Tel. (440) 826-3220; email: [dwalker@fmmaclev.com](mailto:dwalker@fmmaclev.com)

Pacific Northwest and Arizona-Las Vegas,: James R. Daugherty  
USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs  
Building J, Suite 102; 1930-220th St., SE., Bothell, WA. 98021-8471  
Tel. (425) 487-6009; email: [jdaugherty@fmmaseattle.com](mailto:jdaugherty@fmmaseattle.com)

Southwest: J. Richard Fleming  
USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs  
P.O. Box 110939, Carrollton, TX 75011-0939  
Tel. (972) 245-6060; email: [sw.order@dallasma.com](mailto:sw.order@dallasma.com)

An electronic version of this news release can be obtained via the World Wide Web at  
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/news/newsrel.htm>

This press release has been retyped by the  
Minneapolis, Minnesota Market Administrator's  
office from the original AMS release number  
176-04.