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TO:  Handlers, Cooperative Associations, and Interested Persons

SUBJECT:  AMS Issues FMMO Recommended Decision

Good morning,

Yesterday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a Recommended Decision on its website proposing to amend the uniform pricing formulas applicable in all 11 Federal milk marketing orders (FMMOs). The Decision has not yet been published in the Federal Register and this is not the official version of the proposed rule. Once the official version is published in the Federal Register, it will be available at https://www.federalregister.gov.

  For additional information, see the published Notice to Trade announced on the USDA website at: https://www.ams.usda.gov/content/usda-issues-recommended-decision-proposing-amendments-all-eleven-federal-milk-marketing.

The proposed rule is posted on the AMS website in advance of formal publication in the Federal Register when it will be available for public comment. Stakeholders and other interested parties have 60 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register to submit comments via the Regulations.gov web portal. All comments submitted will be considered as USDA develops a final rule. The final rule will be published in the Federal Register.

Pursuant to 7 CFR 900.16, USDA employees are prohibited from discussing the merits of this Recommended Decision with interested parties on an ex parte basis until a Final Decision is issued. Procedural questions can be directed to the FMMO Rulemaking Team, via email: FMMOhearing@usda.gov or phone: 202-720-4392.

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