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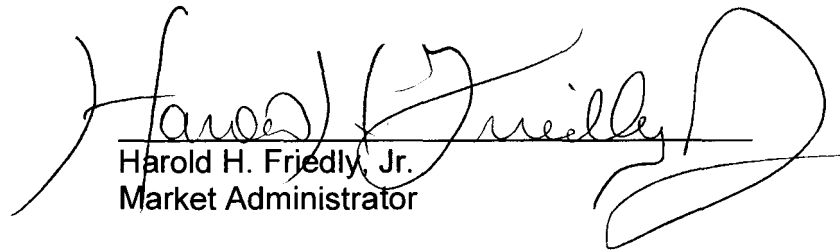
From: Market Administrator, Louisville, Kentucky

Subject: **USDA Issues Final Rule Amending Fluid Milk Definition in All Milk Orders**

On August 24, 2010, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a final rule amending the definition of Class I fluid milk products in all Federal milk marketing orders effective January 1, 2011.

These amendments, which were approved by producers, maintain the current 6.5 percent nonfat milk solid standard and incorporates an alternative 2.25 percent true milk protein criterion to determine whether a product meets the compositional standard for fluid milk products. This rule also amends the fluid milk product definition to provide exemptions for drinkable yogurt products containing at least 20 percent yogurt (by weight), kefir, and products intended to be meal replacements. The decision clarifies how milk and milk-derived ingredients should be priced under all Federal milk marketing orders when used in fluid milk products.

The final rule was published in the August 24 Federal Register and becomes effective January 1, 2011. All related documents are available on the AMS' web site: [www.ams.usda.gov/dairy](http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy). Additional information may also be obtained from this office by calling (502) 499-0040, or e-mail [friedly@malouisville.com](mailto:friedly@malouisville.com).

  
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