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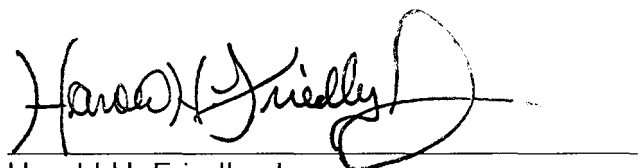
To: Interested Parties, Appalachian Marketing Area  
From: Market Administrator, Louisville, Kentucky  
Subject: **USDA Amends Fluid Milk Product Definition in All Federal Milk Orders**

On June 14, 2010, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a final decision to amend the definition of Class I fluid milk products in all Federal milk marketing orders. These amendments were considered in a recommended decision published May 17, 2006.

Under the final decision, a product will meet the compositional standards for fluid milk products if it contains at least 6.5 percent nonfat milk solids or 2.25 percent true milk protein. This decision 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 decision was published in the June 14 Federal Register. A technical correction to the final decision was published in the June 24 Federal Register. The proposed amendments, published in the June 14, 2010, Federal Register, inadvertently used the word "or" rather than "and" when it listed exceptions to the fluid milk product definition. The correction ensures that the proposed amendments to be voted on by producers conform to the intent of the final decision. These amendments are subject to producer approval before they can be implemented.

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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