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To: All Interested Parties – Appalachian Marketing Area

From: Market Administrator, Louisville, Kentucky

Subject: **USDA Issues Recommended Decision on Proposed Amendments to All Federal Milk Orders**

On October 21, 2009, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a recommended decision to adopt amendments to the producer-handler definition in all Federal milk marketing orders. This decision is based on testimony and evidence given at a public hearing held May 4-19 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The decision recommends that the producer-handler definitions of all Federal milk marketing orders be amended to limit exemption from pooling and pricing provisions of the orders to those producer-handlers with total route disposition of fluid milk products of 3 million pounds or less per month.

Interested persons have 60 days to file comments in response to the recommended decision. You may send your comments by using the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

The recommended decision was published in the October 21 Federal Register. The recommended decision is also available on the AMS' web site: 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.

Sincerely,

/s/ Harold H. Friedly, Jr.
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