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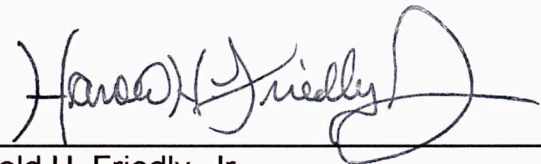
Subject: **USDA Announced Partial Recommended Decision to Amend the Appalachian, Florida and Southeast Federal Milk Orders**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced a partial recommended decision that would increase the maximum administrative assessment rate in the Appalachian, Florida, and Southeast marketing orders. The decision is based on testimony and evidence given at a public hearing held at Tampa, Florida, May 21-23, 2007.

The decision recommends adoption of amendments that would allow the market administrator in the Appalachian, Florida, and Southeast marketing areas to increase the maximum administrative assessment rate up to 8 cents per hundredweight on all pooled milk, if necessary, to maintain the mandated reserve fund level.

The partial recommended decision was published in the February 29 Federal Register. Comments must be received by April 29, 2008, and can be made using the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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