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## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES FOR AUGUST 2012**

|                             | PRICE @ 3.5% BF<br>(per cwt.) | SKIM MILK PRICE<br>(per cwt.) | BUTTERFAT PRICE<br>(per lb.) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CLASS I PRICE <sup>1/</sup> | \$19.95                       | \$14.61                       | \$1.6726                     |
| Transportation Credit       | 0.15                          | 0.15                          | 0.0015                       |
| Processor Assessment 2/     | 0.20                          | 0.20                          | <u>0.002</u>                 |
| Total                       | \$20.30                       | \$14.96                       | \$1.6761                     |
| CLASS II PRICE              | \$15.64                       | \$9.53 <sup>1/</sup>          | \$1.8409                     |
| CLASS III PRICE             | \$17.73                       | \$11.72                       | \$1.8339                     |
| CLASS IV PRICE              | \$15.76                       | \$9.68                        | \$1.8339                     |

| FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR AUGUST 2012                 |                                 |   |  |
|--|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Product Price Averages:                                | AUGUST 2012<br>Monthly Averages | 2 Week Averages<br>Ending July 14, 2012 <sup>1/</sup> |  |
| Cheese (per lb.)                                       | \$1.7682                        | \$1.6781  |  |
| Butter (per lb.)                                       | \$1.6859                        | \$1.5246  |  |
| Nonfat Dry Milk (per lb.)                              | \$1.2543                        | \$1.1588  |  |
| Dry Whey (per lb.)                                     | \$0.5352                        | \$0.4944  |  |
| Advanced Pricing Factors <sup>1/</sup> :               |                                 |   |  |
| Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.) | \$11.21                         |   |  |
| Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.)  | \$8.83                          |   |  |
| Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor (per lb.)            | \$1.6386                        |   |  |

1/ As announced on or before the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the previous month. Class I skim milk price is announced at the higher of the advanced Class III or IV skim milk pricing factors plus the base zone (Mecklenburg County, NC) differential of \$3.40 and is subject to location adjustments.

2/ The processor assessment is an obligation under the Fluid Milk Promotion Order (7 CFR § 1160.101 et seq.). The Order requires that all persons who process and market commercially more than 3,000,000 pounds of fluid milk products in consumer-type packages in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia on a monthly basis, excluding those fluid milk products delivered to the residence of a consumer, be assessed 20 cents per hundredweight on all marketings of such packaged fluid milk products during the month.

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