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TO: Regulated Handlers, Appalachian Marketing Area

FROM: Market Administrator, Louisville, KY

SUBJECT: Market Administrator Laboratory Consolidation

The Milk Market Administrator offices of the Appalachian Marketing Area and the Southeast and Florida Marketing Areas are consolidating the Laboratory Services Program.

The Milk Market Administrators responsibility and authority is to ensure accurate milk weights and test for non-member producers in their respective marketing area. Additionally, the common interests of the Louisville office and the Atlanta office in operating efficient market service programs is to ensure accurate milk weights and tests in the most cost effective means possible.

Effective June 1, 2018, the Office of the Louisville Market Administrator will perform all testing of non-member producer samples from Federal Order 6 and 7 for component testing. The monthly determination of non-members components tests averages will be performed by the Louisville office.

The Office of the Atlanta Market Administrator will be responsible for conducting dairy industry laboratory audits for the Louisville office and the Atlanta office.

The Office of the Atlanta Market Administrative will also operate a viable milk tank calibration program capable of providing bulk milk tank calibration services across both marketing areas.

If you have any questions, please call the Market Administrator of the respective Federal Order.