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TO: Interested Persons - Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUBJECT: Final Decision to Amend All Federal Milk Marketing Orders

The Secretary of Agriculture recently issued a final decision regarding the fluid milk product definition’s compositional standard and how milk and milk-derived ingredients should be priced when used in products meeting the fluid milk product definition in all Federal milk marketing orders. A summary of the changes made by this decision and other related materials are enclosed.

The decision was published in the Federal Register on June 14, 2010, and a correction docket was published on June 24. An electronic version of the documents is available on our web site at www.fmna30.com. A paper copy of the documents can be obtained by calling Harold Ferguson of my staff toll free at 1-888-301-8224, Ext. 231.

The decision specifies that a referendum will be conducted to determine whether producers favor its issuance. Materials are currently being mailed to those who will be participating in the referendum.

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