April 23, 2010

TO: Interested Persons - Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUBJECT: Order Amending the Orders – Effective June 1, 2010

An order amending the orders regulating the handling of milk in the Upper Midwest and all other Federal milk orders was signed April 19, 2010 by David R. Shipman, Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service. The document was published in the Federal Register on April 23, 2010. **The amended orders will become effective June 1, 2010.** The decision and a related news release are enclosed.

This order amends the producer-handler definition of all Federal milk marketing orders to limit exemption from pooling and pricing provisions to those with total route disposition and sales of packaged fluid milk products to other plants of three million pounds or less per month. The exempt plant definition will continue to limit disposition of Class I milk products to 150,000 pounds or less per month.

A referendum was held and the required number of producers approved the issuance of the orders as amended.

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