



**UPPER MIDWEST MARKETING AREA**  
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TO: Interested Persons - Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUBJECT: Tentative Partial Final Decision to Amend All Federal Milk Marketing Orders

A tentative partial final decision was recently issued by the Secretary of Agriculture which adopts, on an interim final and emergency basis, amendments to the manufacturing cost (make) allowances and the butterfat yield factor used in the Class III and Class IV product price formulas applicable to the Upper Midwest and all other Federal milk orders. A summary of the changes made by this decision and other related materials are enclosed.

A separate decision regarding the collection of manufacturing cost information, the use of an energy cost adjustor and providing for a cost add-on feature to Class III and Class IV product-pricing formulas will be addressed in a separate decision. This tentative partial final decision requires determining if producers approve the issuance of the amended orders on an interim basis.

The decision was published in the *Federal Register* on June 20, 2008. An electronic version of the decision is available on our web site at [www.fmma30.com](http://www.fmma30.com). A paper copy of the document can be obtained by calling Harold Ferguson of my staff toll free at 1-800-301-8224, 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.

Interested persons have until August 19, 2008 to submit comments on this decision. Comments (six copies) should be filed with the Hearing Clerk, Stop 9200-Room 1031, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9200. Comments may also be submitted at the Federal eRulemaking portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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