July 19, 2001

TO: Interested Persons - Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUBJECT: Extension of Time for Filing Briefs and Corrections to the Transcript in the Hearing to Revise Pooling Requirements

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced an extension of time for filing briefs on the record of the hearing held from June 26 through June 27, 2001.

The hearing was held to consider a proposal to prevent pooling of milk on the Upper Midwest Federal Milk Marketing Order that is already pooled on a State milk marketing order that has marketwide pooling. Additionally, a proposal was considered to provide separate pooling provisions for milk produced outside the states comprising the marketing area. A proposal was also considered to change the advance payment to dairy farmers by milk handlers for milk delivered during the first half of the month.

An order extending time to file briefs and proposed corrections to the transcript was signed in Washington, DC on July 18, 2001. Briefs are now to be deposited in the mail for filing with the Hearing Clerk no later than August 6, 2001.

Proposed material corrections to the transcript are now to be deposited in the mail for filing with the Hearing Clerk no later than July 27, 2001. The transcript is available on the USDA, AMS, Dairy Programs website at: http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/upper_midwest_pooling_standards.htm. Briefs expressing disagreement with the proposed corrections are due on August 6, 2001.

Briefs (3 copies), corrections to the transcript (3 copies) and briefs on the transcript corrections (3 copies) should be mailed to:

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of Hearing Clerk
Room 1081
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