October 30, 2006

TO: Interested Persons - Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUBJECT: Order Amending the Order – Effective December 1, 2006

An order amending the order regulating the handling of milk in the Upper Midwest Marketing Area was signed October 25, 2006 by Lloyd C. Day, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service. A related press release is enclosed. The document was published in the Federal Register on October 30, 2006. The amended order will become effective December 1, 2006.

This order adopts the proposed rule (final decision), published in the Federal Register on September 13, 2006, concerning pooling provisions of the Upper Midwest Marketing Area. Specifically, this final rule adopts provisions that: 1) Establish a limit on the volume of milk a handler may pool during the months of April through February to 125 percent of the volume of milk pooled in the prior month; 2) Establish a limit on the volume of milk a handler may pool during the month of March to 135 percent of the volume of milk pooled in the prior month; and 3) Allow the market administrator to increase the maximum administrative assessment rate up to 8 cents per hundredweight on all pooled milk if necessary to maintain the required fund reserves.

The order amending the order is based on the record of a public hearing held at Bloomington, Minnesota in August 2004. Other order changes resulting from that same hearing were adopted at an earlier date.

More than the required number of producers for the Upper Midwest marketing area approved the issuance of the final order amendments.

A paper copy of the order amending the order can be obtained by calling Harold Ferguson of my staff toll free at (888) 301-8224, Ext. 231. An electronic version of the document is available on our web site at: www.fmma30.com/Homepage/OrderActions.HTMIL.

/s/ H. Paul Kyburz
Market Administrator