June 5, 2001

TO: Interested Persons - Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUBJECT: Notice of Hearing

Enclosed is a notice of a public hearing which is being held to consider proposals that would prevent the 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 that would provide for separate pooling provisions for milk from areas outside of the states comprising the Upper Midwest order will also be considered. A proposal to change the advance payment to dairy farmers by milk handlers for milk delivered during the first half of the month will also be considered. Proponents have requested that this issue be handled on an emergency basis.

The hearing will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2001 at the following location:

Radisson Hotel South & Plaza Tower
7800 Normandale Blvd.
Bloomington, Minnesota 55439
Telephone: (952) 835-7800

Witnesses at the hearing who wish to present exhibits should provide the Presiding Officer at the hearing with 3 copies of such exhibits. Also, it would be helpful if additional copies are available for the use of other participants at the hearing.

/s/ H. Paul Kyburz
Market Administrator

Enclosure