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TO: Interested Persons - Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUBJECT: Order Amending the Order -- Effective September 1, 2003

An order amending the order regulating the handling of milk in the Upper Midwest Marketing Area was signed August 18, 2003 by A.J. Yates, Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service. The document was published in the *Federal Register* on August 22, 2003. **The amended order will become effective September 1, 2003.**

This order adopts without change the interim final rule concerning pooling provisions. Specifically, the order continues to prohibit the ability to simultaneously pool the same milk on the Upper Midwest Federal Milk Order and a State-operated milk order that has marketwide pooling. Additionally, the decision limits the amount of milk that can be diverted to nonpool plants from pool distributing plants regulated under the order.

The amendments have been in effect on an interim basis since May 1, 2002, and are based on the record of a public hearing held at Bloomington, Minnesota in June 2001.

More than the required number of producers in the Upper Midwest Marketing Area have 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: http://www.fmma30.com/Homepage/OrderActions.HTML.

/s/ H. Paul Kyburz
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