November 26, 2004

TO:   Interested Persons - Upper Midwest Marketing Area

SUBJECT: Order Amending the Order – Effective December 1, 2004

An order amending the order regulating the handling of milk in the Upper Midwest and all other Federal milk orders was signed November 19, 2004 by A.J. Yates, Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service. The document was published in the Federal Register on November 26, 2004. The amended order will become effective December 1, 2004. A related news release is enclosed.

This order adopts without change the provisions of the interim final rule that amended the classification of milk provisions to reclassify milk used to produce evaporated milk in consumer-type packages from Class III to Class IV.

The amendments have been in effect on an interim basis since May 1, 2004, and are based on the record of a public hearing held October 21, 2003, in Alexandria, Virginia.

Producers in all Federal orders 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 1-888-301-8224, Ext. 231. An electronic version of the document is also available on our web site at www.fmma30.com.

/s/ H. Paul Kyburz
Market Administrator

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