

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT



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## USDA Terminates Proceeding On Proposed Amendments To All Milk Orders

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24, 2008 – The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced that it will terminate a proceeding on proposed amendments to modify the formulas used to determine Class I and Class II prices in all Federal milk marketing orders.

In response to a proposal by the National Milk Producers Federation to reconsider formulas for Class I and Class II milk, USDA held a hearing Dec. 11-15, 2006, in Pittsburgh, PA. USDA is terminating the proceeding because the evidence presented at the hearing was neither compelling nor provided a basis to make a reasoned decision for recommending adoption or denial of the proposal.

The termination notice will be published in today's *Federal Register*. The termination notice and hearing record is available on the Agricultural Marketing Service Dairy Programs website at <a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy">http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy</a>. Producers and processors with questions about the termination should contact their local milk market administrator's office listed below:

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