USDA SETS HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ALL FEDERAL MILK ORDERS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20, 2006 – The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced that it will hold a national public hearing to consider proposals seeking to amend the Class I and Class II milk price formulas applicable to all Federal milk marketing orders. Evidence will also be taken at the hearing to determine whether emergency marketing conditions exist that would warrant omission of a recommended decision. The hearing will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Dec. 11, 2006, at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel, 300 West Station Square Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219.

The hearing was requested by National Milk Producers Federation to reconsider formulas for Class I and Class II milk.

The hearing notice will be published in the Nov. 22 Federal Register. Copies of the hearing notice may be obtained from the USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, STOP 0231 - Rm. 2971, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0231. The hearing notice is available on AMS web site: www.ams.usda.gov/dairy. Those wishing to provide comment at the hearing should notify a USDA official upon arrival.

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