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USDA ANNOUNCES FINAL RULE TO AMEND THE UPPER MIDWEST MILK MARKETING ORDER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22, 2003 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced a final rule that will make permanent provisions to the Upper Midwest Federal Milk Marketing Order that were previously implemented on an interim basis. Producers of the Upper Midwest milk market approved these amendments.

Specifically, this final rule continues to prohibit the ability to simultaneously pool the same milk on the Upper Midwest Federal milk order and on a State-operated milk order that has marketwide pooling. Additionally, this rule continues to limit the amount of milk that can be diverted to nonpool plants from pool distributing plants regulated under the order. The final rule will become effective Sept. 1, 2003.

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