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USDA RECONVENES NATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ALL FEDERAL MILK ORDERS

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 20, 2007 - The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced that it will reconvene a national public hearing to consider proposals seeking to amend the Class III and IV product price formulas applicable to all Federal milk marketing orders. The hearing will begin at 1:00 p.m. on April 9 at the Radisson Hotel City Centre Indianapolis, 31 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Ind. 46204, telephone (317) 635-2000.

The public hearing was originally held Feb. 26 – March 2 in Strongsville, Ohio. The purpose of reconvening this proceeding is to receive additional testimony on proposed amendments 1 through 20 as published in the original hearing notice on Feb. 9, 2007, and the supplemental notice of hearing on Feb. 20, 2007, in the Federal Register.

The reconvened hearing notice will be published as a proposed rule in the March 21 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 reconvened hearing notice is available on AMS' web site: www.ams.usda.gov/dairy.

The reconvened hearing notice and additional information are available from the following market administrator office: David Z. Walker, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, P.O. Box 5102, Brunswick, Ohio 44212; Tel. (330) 225-4758; e-mail: dwalker@fmmaclev.com.