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USDA SETS HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ALL FEDERAL MILK ORDERS

Washington, D.C., Feb. 7, 2007 – The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced that it will hold a national public hearing to consider proposals seeking to amend the Class III and Class IV product price formulas applicable to all Federal milk marketing orders. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Feb. 26, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Select - Strongsville, 15471 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136.

USDA requested proposals from the industry that would examine all features of the Class III and Class IV product price formulas. Both producer cooperatives and milk product manufacturers submitted proposals.

The hearing notice will be published in the Feb. 9 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.

Anyone interested in participating in the hearing should notify a USDA official upon arrival. The hearing notice and additional information is available from the following market administrator office: David Z. Walker, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, P.O. Box 5102, Brunswick, OH 44212, Tel. (330) 225-4758, e-mail: dwalker@fmmaclev.com.