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**USDA ISSUES NOTICE OF INTENT TO RECONVENE NATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND CLASS III AND IV MILK PRICE FORMULAS**

Washington, D.C., June 27, 2006 – The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced its intent to reconvene a national public hearing to amend the Class III and Class IV price formulas. USDA will reconvene the national hearing, originally held Jan. 24-27, 2006, in Alexandria, VA, to assure that any changes to manufacturing allowance factors used in Federal order Class III and Class IV product price formulas are appropriate and reflective of manufacturing costs. USDA also welcomes additional proposals addressing the Federal order Class III and Class IV price formulas for further consideration in the reconvened hearing. The additional proposals are due on or before Sept. 30, 2006.

The notice of intent to reconvene the hearing will be published as a proposed rule in the June 28 Federal Register. Copies of the notice may be obtained from the USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, STOP 0231 - Rm. 2971, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0231. The notice is available on AMS' web site: [www.ams.usda.gov/dairy](http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy).

The notice of intent and additional information is also 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, email: [dwalker@fmmaclev.com](mailto:dwalker@fmmaclev.com) or visit the Mideast web site at [www.fmmaclev.com](http://www.fmmaclev.com).