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To: Interested Persons

From: /s/ David Z. Walker, Market Administrator

Subject: Recommended Decision on De-Pooling and Transportation Credits

On February 21, 2006, the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced a recommended decision to adopt amendments to the pooling provisions of the Mideast milk marketing order. This decision is based on testimony and evidence given at a public hearing held in Wooster, Ohio, from March 7-10, 2005.

The decision recommends adoption of amendments that would: (1) Establish a limit on the volume of milk a handler may pool during the months of April through February to 115 percent of the volume of milk pooled in the prior month; and (2) Establish a limit on the volume of milk a handler may pool during the month of March to 120 percent of the volume of milk pooled in the prior month.

Proposals seeking to establish a transportation credit provision for the Mideast order are not recommended for adoption. Proposals dealing with changes in performance standards of the order were addressed in an earlier partial decision published on July 27, 2005.

The recommended decision was published in the Federal Register on February 22, 2006. Public comments are due April 24, 2006. Copies of the recommended decision are available from this office or the Mideast website at www.fmmacleev.com.