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USDA ISSUES AN INTERIM ORDER ON AMENDMENTS TO ALL FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29, 2006 – The U. S. Department of Agriculture today issued an interim order amending the manufacturing (make) allowances contained in the Class III and Class IV product price formulas in all Federal milk marketing orders. The interim order was approved by dairy farmers in all 10 Federal milk marketing orders.

The interim order implements new make allowances for cheese, butter, nonfat dry milk (NFDM) and dry whey. Specifically, the interim order adopts the following increased manufacturing allowances: cheese -- \$0.1682 per pound; butter -- \$0.1202 per pound; NFDM -- \$.1570 per pound; and dry whey -- \$0.1956 per pound.

The interim order will become effective on Feb. 1, 2007.

The interim order appears in today's Federal Register. As announced on Nov. 20, 2006, public comments and exceptions to the tentative final decision are due on or before Jan. 22, 2007. USDA will consider the comments and exceptions and issue a final decision.

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