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To: Interested Parties

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

Subject: Public Information Session

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will hold a public information session on December 5, 2006, to address proposals received to amend the federal order Class III and Class IV product price formulas. The session will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the USDA Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Room 107-A, Washington, DC, 20250.

The purpose of the session is for interested parties to learn about the intent of proposals that have been submitted to amend Class III and Class IV product price formulas. The session will enable proponents to better prepare testimony and evidence in support of, or in opposition to proposals that may possibly be included in a future Class III and IV hearing notice. The session will not become part of an official hearing record and will be conducted outside of ex-parte rules. This will allow government officials to freely discuss proposed amendments.

Enclosed is a reprint of the Notice of Intent to Hold Public Information Session published in the November 16, 2006 Federal Register. A statement outlining the purpose and procedures of the pre-hearing information session is also enclosed.

USDA strongly encourages all parties who have submitted proposals to participate in the information session. Additional information regarding the session and copies of all Class III and Class IV price formula proposals received is available at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy>.

Enclosures