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### **USDA TERMINATES PROCEEDING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ALL MILK ORDERS**

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 24, 2008 – The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced that it will terminate a proceeding on proposed amendments to modify the formulas used to determine Class I and Class II prices in all Federal milk marketing orders.

In response to a proposal by the National Milk Producers Federation to reconsider formulas for Class I and Class II milk, USDA held a hearing Dec. 11-15, 2006, in Pittsburgh, PA. USDA is terminating the proceeding because the evidence presented at the hearing was neither compelling nor provided a basis to make a reasoned decision for recommending adoption or denial of the proposal.

The termination notice will be published in today's Federal Register. The termination notice and hearing record is available on the Agricultural Marketing Service Dairy Programs website at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy>. Producers and processors with questions about the termination should contact their local milk market administrator's office as follows: David Z. Walker, Market Administrator; USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs; P.O. Box 5102, Brunswick, Ohio 44212; Tel. (330) 225-4758; e-mail: [dwalker@fmmaclev.com](mailto:dwalker@fmmaclev.com). A copy of the decision can be found on the website at [www.fmmaclev.com/hearings.htm](http://www.fmmaclev.com/hearings.htm).