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**TO:** Pool Handlers

**FROM:** Scott C. Jones, Market Administrator *SCJ*

**SUBJECT:** Temporary Pooling of Dumped Milk – *January 25 – February 3, 2026*

The ability to pick milk up from farm locations and deliver it to processing plants across the Mideast Federal Milk Market was severely impacted by winter storm Fern during the last week of January.

In consideration of these factors, the Market Administrator is temporarily authorizing the pooling of milk disposed of or “dumped” at farm or other non-plant locations for the period of January 25 – February 3, 2026, provided that the following conditions are met:

*Temporary plant delivery exception for the period of January 25 through February 3, 2026:*

- *The milk must have been measured and sampled for payment. If milk could not be sampled for testing purposes, we may accept other means such as submitting an average of the last pick-up and next possible pick-up values as representing the disposed of milk.*
- *The milk will be priced at the location where the dump occurred.*
- *Producers whose dumped milk is pooled must have all the rest of their milk pooled during the respective pool period.*

***Notification should be given to the Market Administrator's office by February 7, 2026, along with the handler's submitted pool report(s). A separate list of the producers whose milk was dumped (along with the component tests of the applicable milk, and the physical location and address, including county, of where the milk was dumped) will be required.***

Any such requested dumps will be subject to audit verification by the Market Administrator as a condition to be included as pooled producer milk during the respective pool period.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott LaMoreaux at 888-751-3220, ext. 124, or by email at [slamoreaux@fmmaclev.com](mailto:slamoreaux@fmmaclev.com).