



FEDERAL MILK ORDER

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TO: Northeast Order Pool Handlers

FROM: Shawn M. Boockoff, Market Administrator

SUBJECT: Temporary Dumping of Surplus Milk – *December 21, 2024 – January 2, 2025*

Pool handler Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. (DFA) requested a temporary authorization allowing pool handlers to dispose of surplus milk at a farm or non-plant location, with said milk retaining the status of pooled producer milk. The period covered by this action would include December 21, 2024, through January 2, 2025.

The DFA request is in response to many plants in the Northeast Marketing Area planning to either not receive milk or significantly reduce the volume of milk received during the upcoming holiday season. This excess would lead to difficulties in balancing milk and likely result in the need for milk to be disposed of. Pool handlers Agri-Mark, Inc.; Land O'Lakes, Inc.; Lanco Dairy Farms Co-op; Lowville Producers Dairy Cooperative, Inc.; and Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc. responded to inquiries from the market administrator either in support of, or did not oppose, DFA's request.

In consideration of the aforementioned factors, the Market Administrator agrees to temporarily authorize the pooling of milk disposed of or "dumped" at farm or other non-plant locations for the requested period of **December 21, 2024 – January 2, 2025**, provided the following conditions are met:

- Handlers and/or their producers that utilize this temporary policy must have been pooled on the Northeast Order for all their commercially marketed production for the months of July through November 2024.
- The milk must have been picked up at the farm, measured and sampled for payment. The tanker test will be a weighted average of the producer tests.
- Notification should be given to the Market Administrator's office by the next business day, or as soon as practicable, when the milk is dumped. The milk will be priced at the location that the dump occurred, therefore, at pool time the farm dumps should be reported separately, grouped by location zone. At pool time a separate list must be submitted of all producers whose milk was dumped, along with the component tests of the applicable milk (if available), and the physical location and address, including county, of where the milk was dumped.

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.