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TO: Northeast Order Pool Handlers
FROM: Shawn M. Boockoff, Market Administrator
SUBJECT: Temporary Dumping of Surplus Milk – *May 21, 2024 – July 7, 2024*

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 May 21, 2024, through July 7, 2024.

The DFA request is in response to a combination of stronger than expected milk production and lower than expected Class I sales combining with unexpected and significant plant operating issues related to power outages and equipment issues in the region. Milk has been cancelled on short notice and caused extreme balancing conditions. There is potential for these conditions to continue to challenge the marketing area through the July 4th holiday weekend. Pool handlers Agri-Mark, Inc.; Cayuga Marketing LLC, Land O'Lakes, Inc.; Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative, Inc.; and Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc. submitted remarks 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 **May 21, 2024 – July 7, 2024**, 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 2023.
- 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.