



Agricultural Marketing Service  
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To: Handlers Receiving Milk From Producers

From: Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator, Boston, Massachusetts

Subject: Producer Qualification

There has been some confusion regarding the establishment of producer status under the Northeast Order. Producer status must be established and maintained for a producer's milk that is diverted to nonpool plants to be pooled and priced in the Northeast Order. In order for a producer to qualify, all of that producer's milk production for one day must be physically received at a pool plant sometime during the month of qualification. This memorandum is intended to augment our memorandums dated December 23, 1999 (Producer Status as of January 1, 2000) and February 10, 2000 (Dairy Farmer for Other Markets). Any unusual situations should be brought to the attention of this office.

### **Re-association Necessary**

If a producer's milk is moved as nonpool milk during the month causing the producer to become a "dairy farmer for other markets," the producer must re-establish association with this market before once again qualifying as a producer.

If a producer's milk is pooled in another Federal Order for a month or more, the producer must re-establish association with this market before once again qualifying as a producer.

### **No Re-association Necessary**

A producer may stop delivering to one regulated handler and start delivering to another without being required to re-establish association with the market.

A producer may transfer ownership to a family member without the new owner having to re-establish association with the market.

A producer who purchases an existing "qualified" farm does not have to qualify as a "new" producer.

A qualified producer who ceases milk production does not have to re-establish association with the market if milk production resumes within one year.

### **Notifying the Market Administrator of Additions, Deletions, Changes**

*Each handler is required to submit producer change notices to this office on or before the end of the month. Any "new" producers appearing on a producer payroll for which a notice has not been received may not be pooled.*