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TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Dana H. Coale Deputy Administrator Dana H. Coale Dairy Program

SUBJECT: Appointment of the Mideast Order Market Administrator

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Scott Jones as Market Administrator, Mideast Milk Marketing Order, effective December 31, 2023.

Mr. Jones has been serving as the Assistant Market Administrator in the Mideast Milk Marketing Order since 2020 and as the Acting Market Administrator on a rotational basis since December 2022 when Sharon Uther, the previous Market Administrator, retired. Mr. Jones began his Federal career with the Mideast Milk Marketing Order as an Auditor in 2001. In 2014, Mr. Jones became a Supervisory Marketing Specialist responsible for managing the Mideast pool and economics units. In 2020, Mr. Jones was promoted to Assistant Market Administrator. During Mr. Jones' career with the Mideast order, he has been involved in a variety of aspects related to auditing, pooling, pricing, and economics. He also has assisted with several multi-order projects including working on the California Federal milk marketing order implementation and education process. Mr. Jones graduated from Robert Morris College with a Bachelor of Science degree. Mr. Jones' familiarity with the Mideast order and stakeholders will ensure consistency in the administration of the order and enhance efficiencies in overall operations to meet the needs of stakeholders.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank David Hoedt for his assistance serving as Acting Market Administrator on a rotational basis with Mr. Jones. Mr. Hoedt was dedicated to ensuring operations ran smoothly and will continue to serve as the Assistant Market Administrator.