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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE DAIRY PROGRAM

MIDEAST MARKETING AREA

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TO: Pool Handlers

FROM: Scott C. Jones, Market Administrator

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SUBJECT: Temporary Pooling of Dumped Milk – *April 3 – 8, 2025*

The Mideast Milk Federation Inc. (a federation of cooperatives on Federal Order 33 consisting of Michigan Milk Producers Association, Foremost Farms USA, Dairy Farmers of America, National Farmers Organization, and Select Milk Producers) requested a temporary authorization allowing pool handlers to dispose of surplus milk at a farm or non-plant location without losing the status of pooled producer milk for the period April 3 – 8, 2025.

During the period requested, two major manufacturing plants, with typical daily intake exceeding 6 million pounds of milk each, were either completely offline or at significantly reduced intake.

In consideration of these 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 April 3-8, 2025, provided that the following conditions are met:

Temporary plant delivery exception for the period of April 3 through April 8, 2025.

The milk must be picked up at the farm, measured, and sampled for payment. The tanker test will be a weighted average of the producer tests. The milk will be priced at the location where the dump occurred.

Notification should be given to the Market Administrator's office by May 7 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.