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TO: Pool Handlers

FROM: Scott C. Jones, Market Administrator *SCJ*

SUBJECT: Temporary Pooling of Dumped Milk – **July 10 - 17, 2026**

On Friday, July 10, a major processor with plants that receive milk from the FO 33 milk shed suspended operations at two plants. This suspension of operations occurred unplanned and without prior notice to the raw milk suppliers of these plants. The plants remained shut down, or at severely reduced processing, through July 21.

In consideration of these factors, the Market Administrator is temporarily authorizing the pooling of milk disposed of or “dumped” at farm or other non-plant locations for the period of July 10 - 17, 2026, provided that the following conditions are met:

Temporary plant delivery exception for the period of July 10 through July 17, 2026:

- *The milk must have been measured and sampled for payment. If milk could not be sampled for testing purposes, we may accept other means such as submitting an average of the last pick-up and next possible pick-up values as representing the disposed milk.*
- *The milk will be priced at the location where the dump occurred.*
- *Producers whose dumped milk is pooled must have all the rest of their milk pooled during the respective pool period.*

Notification should be given to the Market Administrator's office by August 7, 2026, along with the handler's submitted pool report(s) and daily weight 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott LaMoreaux at 888-751-3220, ext. 124, or by email at slamoreaux@fmmaclev.com.