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USDA Invites Proposals Regarding Producer-Handlers

National Milk Producers Federation and International Dairy Foods Association have requested that the Department of Agriculture (USDA) hold a public hearing to consider a proposal to eliminate the producer-handler provision in all Federal milk marketing orders. Additionally, National Milk Producers Federation and International Dairy Foods Association have requested that USDA consider revision of the exempt plant provision in all Federal milk marketing orders in the same rulemaking proceeding. The proposals would eliminate the provision exempting producer-handlers from pricing and pooling provisions; and would revise the current limit on monthly route disposition of packaged fluid milk required for exemption from pricing and pooling provisions as an exempt plant.

The proposals may be viewed at the Dairy Programs website at www.ams.usda.gov/dairy.

The proposals have not yet been approved for inclusion in a Notice of Hearing. Before deciding whether a hearing will be held, USDA is providing the opportunity for interested parties to submit additional proposals regarding the elimination of the producer-handler provision and the revision of the exempt plant provision in all Federal milk marketing orders.

The preferred method of submission is via email. Electronic submissions should be emailed to amsdairycomments@usda.gov. Proposals can also be mailed to: Deputy Administrator, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, STOP-0231-Room 2971, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-0225. Proposals must be received by March 9, 2009.

Each proposal should be accompanied by a comprehensive statement on the need for the proposal. The statement will be evaluated to determine whether the proposal will be accepted if a hearing to amend all orders is (continued on pg. 4)

Uniform Price Up Slightly

The uniform price in Hillsborough County, Florida, was \$18.92 per hundredweight for milk at 3.5 percent butterfat for the month of January. This represents an increase of \$0.04 compared with the previous month but a decrease of \$4.88 from January 2008.

Class I utilization was 81.64 percent in January, a decrease of 2.84 percent when compared with the previous month and a decrease of 0.97 percent when compared with January of last year.

National Dairy Situation

The USDA estimates that the total U.S. production of milk in December was 15.85 billion pounds, an increase of 1.4 percent from December 2007 and an increase of 1.0 percent when compared with November 2008 on a daily average basis. Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 857 million pounds, 1.1 percent above December 2007 and 4.0 percent above November 2008. Butter production was 156 million pounds, 10.1 percent above December 2007 and 16.5 percent above November 2008.

Nonfat dry milk powder production was 155 million pounds in December, 42.6 percent higher than December 2007 and 11.1 percent higher than November 2008 on a daily average basis. Dry whey production was 91.2 million pounds in December, a 6.5 percent decrease from December of last year and a 4.3 percent increase from last month on a daily average basis. The milk-feed price ratio, the pounds of 16 percent mixed dairy feed equal in value to one pound of whole milk, was 1.69 in January, down from 1.92 in December 2008.

F.O. 6 - FLORIDA: CALCULATION OF UNIFORM PRICES - JANUARY 2009

Calculation of Uniform Butterfat Price:

	<u>Utilization</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Price/lb.</u>	<u>Value</u>
Class I Butterfat	44.61%	4,635,666	\$1.3983	\$ 6,482,051.76
Class I Differential at Location				258,468.40
Class II Butterfat	27.32%	2,839,516	\$1.1154	3,167,196.14
Class III Butterfat	2.11%	219,218	\$1.1084	242,981.24
Class IV Butterfat	25.96%	2,697,814	\$1.1084	2,990,257.06
Total Butterfat	100.00%	10,392,214		\$ 13,140,954.60

Uniform Butterfat Price per lb. (Hillsborough County, Florida): **\$1.2645**

Calculation of Uniform Skim Milk Price

	<u>Utilization</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Price per unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Producer Milk				
Class I Skim Milk	83.03%	229,013,211	\$11.24 /cwt.	\$ 25,741,084.92
Class I Butterfat	44.61%	4,635,666	\$1.3983 /lb.	6,482,051.76
Class I Differential at Location		233,648,877		13,023,913.65
Total Class I Milk	81.64%	233,648,877		\$ 45,247,050.33
Class II Skim Milk	5.62%	15,509,971	\$6.74 /cwt.	\$ 1,045,372.06
Class II Butterfat	27.32%	2,839,516	\$1.1154 /lb.	3,167,196.14
Total Class II Milk	6.41%	18,349,487		\$ 4,212,568.20
Class III Skim Milk	4.19%	11,550,769	\$7.15 /cwt.	\$ 825,879.98
Class III Butterfat	2.11%	219,218	\$1.1084 /lb.	242,981.24
Total Class III Milk	4.11%	11,769,987		\$ 1,068,861.22
Class IV Skim Milk	7.16%	19,753,936	\$5.92 /cwt.	\$ 1,169,433.01
Class IV Butterfat	25.96%	2,697,814	\$1.1084 /lb.	2,990,257.06
Total Class IV Milk	7.84%	22,451,750		\$ 4,159,690.07
Producer Milk	100.00%	286,220,101		\$ 54,688,169.82

Adjustments

Overage and Other Source	\$5,941.02
Inventory Adjustments	\$5,244.06
Producer butterfat at uniform butterfat price	(\$13,140,954.60)
Location Adjustments to Producers	(\$131,963.18)
1/2 Unobligated Balance in P.S.F	\$113,247.74

Adjusted Pool Value

Reserve for Producer Settlement Func	\$ 15.06000	\$41,539,684.86
	<u>\$ 0.04000</u>	\$110,336.23

Uniform Skim Milk Price per cwt. (Hillsborough County, Florida):

\$15.02

Uniform Price per cwt. (Hillsborough County, Florida)

\$18.92*

* At 3.5% butterfat test; for information purposes.

OTHER FEDERAL ORDERS: CLASS I AND UNIFORM PRICES (At 3.5% Butterfat)

MARKET NAME (Priced at)	CLASS I		UNIFORM		CLASS I %
	JAN 2009	FEB 2009	DEC 2008	JAN 2009	JAN 2009
Appalachian (Charlotte)	\$ 19.14	\$ 14.12	\$ 16.23	\$ 16.41	70.29%
Arizona (Phoenix)	\$ 18.09	\$ 13.07	\$ 13.97	\$ 12.49	31.55%
Central (Kansas City)	\$ 17.74	\$ 12.72	\$ 13.63	\$ 12.49	34.68%
Florida (Tampa)	\$ 21.14	\$ 16.12	\$ 18.88	\$ 18.92	81.64%
Mideast (Cleveland)	\$ 17.74	\$ 12.72	\$ 14.42	\$ 13.22	42.50%
Northeast (Boston)	\$ 18.99	\$ 13.97	\$ 16.02	\$ 14.14	44.20%
Pacific Northwest (Seattle)	\$ 17.64	\$ 12.62	\$ 13.00	\$ 12.12	28.23%
Southeast (Atlanta)	\$ 19.54	\$ 14.52	\$ 16.85	\$ 16.62	68.14%
Southwest (Dallas)	\$ 18.74	\$ 13.72	\$ 14.75	\$ 13.50	34.82%
Upper Midwest (Chicago)	\$ 17.54	\$ 12.52	\$ 15.04	\$ 11.60	14.10%

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY**

Receipts:	January 2009	January 2008
Producer Milk		
Class I	233,648,877	234,010,822
Class II	18,349,487	23,387,226
Class III	11,769,987	9,448,978
Class IV	22,451,750	16,385,785
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Total Producer Milk	286,220,101	283,232,811
Average Butterfat Test	3.63%	3.65%
Percent of Producer Milk in Class I	81.64%	82.61%
Daily Average Receipts	9,232,906	9,136,542
Other Source Milk		
Class I	5,060,487	5,230,358
Class II	7,669,890	8,077,938
Class III	2,102	0
Class IV	695,795	905,464
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Total Other Source Milk	13,428,274	14,213,760
Overage		
Class I	0	0
Class II	0	0
Class III	0	0
Class IV	5,360	3,336
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Total Overage	5,360	3,336
Opening Inventory		
Class I	12,710,081	10,592,980
Class II	336,631	0
Class III	275,032	0
Class IV	7,069,556	8,141,463
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Total Opening Inventory	20,391,300	18,734,443
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Total Receipts	320,045,035	316,184,350
Utilization:		
Class I Utilization		
Inventory of Packaged FMP	10,244,481	13,738,730
Route Disposition Class I	240,566,515	234,648,392
Shrinkage	493,485	1,322,182
Transfers & Diversions to Nonpool	114,964	124,856
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Total Class I Utilization	251,419,445	249,834,160
Average Butterfat Test	2.01%	2.00%
Daily Average Utilization	8,110,305	8,059,166
Class II Utilization		
Nonfluid Used To Produce	8,299,665	8,069,369
Shrinkage	0	0
Transfers & Diversions to Nonpool/Commercial Foods Used To Produce/Other Uses	6,171,908	8,441,824
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Total Class II Utilization	26,356,008	31,465,164
Average Butterfat Test	10.83%	10.75%
Class III Utilization		
Shrinkage	0	0
Transfers & Diversions to Nonpool/Used to Produce Use to Produce/Other Uses	12,047,121	9,448,978
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Total Class III Utilization	12,047,121	9,448,978
Average Butterfat Test	1.82%	4.94%
Class IV Utilization		
Inventory	7,223,521	7,584,322
Nonfluid Used To Fortify	597,907	650,565
Shrinkage	4,170,467	3,933,949
Transfers & Diversions to Nonpool Used To Produce/Other Uses	16,739,714	11,265,721
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Total Class IV Utilization	30,222,461	25,436,048
Average Butterfat Test	10.46%	9.11%
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Total Utilization	320,045,035	316,184,350

Florida Market Summary

The minimum order uniform price for payment to producers supplying the Florida Order marketing area in January 2009 is \$18.92 per hundredweight for milk with a 3.5% butterfat test in Hillsborough County. This is .965 times the uniform skim milk price of \$15.02 per hundredweight plus 3.5 times the uniform butterfat price of \$1.2645 per pound. Payment to producers may be adjusted by location differentials, if applicable, and by properly authorized deductions.

Uniform prices are the result of marketwide pooling; all producer milk was classified and priced according to the milk's use. In January, Class I use accounted for 83.03% of all producer skim milk (priced to handlers at \$11.24 per hundredweight, plus the Class I differential and 44.61% of producer butterfat (priced to handlers at \$1.3983 per pound plus Class I differential). Class II use accounted for 5.62% of all producer skim milk (\$6.74 per hundredweight) and 27.32% of producer butterfat (\$1.1154 per pound). Class III use accounted for 4.19% of all producer skim milk (\$7.15 per hundredweight) and 2.11% of producer butterfat (\$1.1084 per pound). Class IV use accounted for 7.16% of all producer skim milk (\$5.92 per hundredweight) and 25.96% of producer butterfat (\$1.1084 per pound).

Receipts of producer milk during January 2009 totaled 286.2 million pounds, 3.0 million pounds more than was pooled in January of last year. Florida producers supplied 176.9 million pounds of milk in December 2008 or 66.83% of the total producer milk pooled in Florida. In December 2007, Florida producers supplied 62.48% of producer milk pooled on the Florida market.

There were 12 regulated pool distributing plants and 5 cooperative associations submitting reports of receipts and utilization that were included in the computation of the uniform prices for January 2009. In-area Class I route disposition totaled 245.2 million pounds in December 2008, 5.8 million less than December 2007 and a decrease of 4.5 percent after adjusting for calendar composition.

Packaged Class I Route Sales in Marketing Area

Product Description	Pounds	Percent
December 2008		
Whole Milk	88,926,865	36.27%
Fat Free Milk	32,738,588	13.35%
Lowfat Milk (incl. 1%)	28,626,590	11.67%
Reduced Fat Milk (incl. 2%)	72,915,398	29.74%
Cultured Fluid Milk (incl. Buttermilk)	1,263,440	0.52%
Flavored Drinks and Milk	20,737,377	8.46%
Total Disposition in Marketing Area	245,208,258	100.00%
Total Disposition by Pool Plants	218,516,338	89.11%
Total Disposition by Nonpool Plants	26,691,920	10.89%
Total Disposition in Marketing Area	245,208,258	100.00%

USDA Invites Proposals Regarding Producer-Handlers (cont.)

(continued from pg. 1) held. In accordance with 7 CFR 900.22 and adoption of the final rule published in the Federal Register on August 20, 2008 (73 FR 49085), proposal submissions must include detailed explanations of the following seven items:

- 1.) Explain the proposal. What is the disorderly marketing condition that the proposal is intended to address?
- 2.) What is the purpose of the proposal?
- 3.) Describe the current Federal order requirements or industry practices relative to the proposal.
- 4.) Describe the expected impact on the industry, including on producers and handlers, and on consumers. Explain/Quantify.
- 5.) What are the expected effects on small businesses as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612)? Explain/Quantify.
- 6.) How would the proposal increase or decrease costs to producers, handlers, others in the marketing chain, consumers, the Market Administrator offices and/or the Secretary? Explain/Quantify?
- 7.) Would a pre-hearing information session be helpful to explain the proposal?

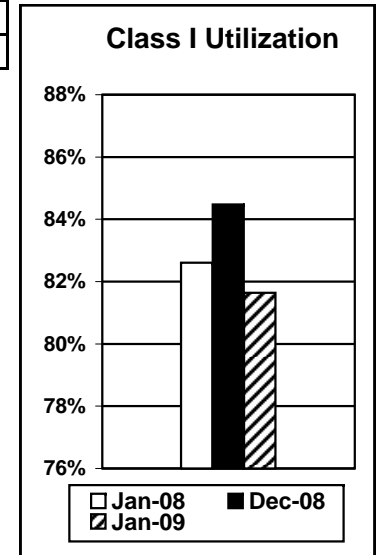
If USDA determines that a hearing will be held, all known interested parties will be mailed a copy of the Notice of Hearing. Anyone who desires to present evidence on proposals set forth in the Notice of Hearing will have an opportunity to do so at the hearing. Once a Notice of Hearing is issued and until the issuance of a Final Decision, USDA employees involved in the decisional process may not discuss the merits of a proceeding on an "ex parte" basis. Accordingly, it is suggested that any discussions you may wish to have with USDA personnel, including Market Administrator employees, be initiated as soon as possible. Procedural matters may be discussed at any time throughout the proceeding. For additional information on this announcement, visit www.fmmatlanta.com and click 'What's New'.

FEDERAL ORDER 6 - FLORIDA: CLASS AND UNIFORM PRICES

Pool Period	CLASS I*			CLASS II			CLASS III			CLASS IV			UNIFORM*		
	Skim/cwt	Bfat/lb	@ 3.5	Skim/cwt	Bfat/lb	@ 3.5	Skim/cwt	Bfat/lb	@ 3.5	Skim/cwt	Bfat/lb	@ 3.5	Skim/cwt	Bfat/lb	@ 3.5
Nov 2007	\$21.04	\$1.4718	\$25.45	\$17.74	\$1.4147	\$22.07	\$14.81	\$1.4077	\$19.22	\$16.03	\$1.4077	\$20.40	\$20.56	\$1.4426	\$24.89
Dec	\$19.65	\$1.4520	\$24.04	\$16.35	\$1.4418	\$20.82	\$16.14	\$1.4348	\$20.60	\$14.67	\$1.4348	\$19.18	\$19.05	\$1.4457	\$23.44
Jan 2008	\$20.53	\$1.4733	\$24.97	\$15.61	\$1.3389	\$19.75	\$15.19	\$1.3319	\$19.32	\$12.05	\$1.3319	\$16.29	\$19.59	\$1.3982	\$23.80
Feb	\$19.44	\$1.4060	\$23.68	\$14.39	\$1.3080	\$18.46	\$12.93	\$1.3010	\$17.03	\$10.48	\$1.3010	\$14.67	\$18.51	\$1.3523	\$22.60
Mar	\$16.54	\$1.3538	\$20.70	\$11.24	\$1.3674	\$15.63	\$13.72	\$1.3604	\$18.00	\$9.75	\$1.3604	\$14.17	\$15.71	\$1.3601	\$19.92
Apr	\$18.39	\$1.3883	\$22.61	\$10.47	\$1.4818	\$15.29	\$12.02	\$1.4748	\$16.76	\$9.74	\$1.4748	\$14.56	\$17.06	\$1.4380	\$21.50
May	\$17.30	\$1.5203	\$22.02	\$10.40	\$1.5632	\$15.51	\$13.20	\$1.5562	\$18.18	\$10.17	\$1.5562	\$15.26	\$16.56	\$1.5423	\$21.38
June	\$18.57	\$1.6165	\$23.58	\$10.89	\$1.6230	\$16.19	\$15.12	\$1.6160	\$20.25	\$10.64	\$1.6160	\$15.92	\$17.30	\$1.6194	\$22.36
July	\$21.10	\$1.6626	\$26.18	\$11.31	\$1.6844	\$16.81	\$12.82	\$1.6774	\$18.24	\$11.12	\$1.6774	\$16.60	\$19.72	\$1.6733	\$24.89
Aug	\$18.45	\$1.7344	\$23.87	\$11.74	\$1.7483	\$17.45	\$11.63	\$1.7413	\$17.32	\$10.93	\$1.7413	\$16.64	\$17.53	\$1.7413	\$23.01
Sep	\$17.38	\$1.7951	\$23.05	\$11.59	\$1.8266	\$17.58	\$10.27	\$1.8196	\$16.28	\$9.41	\$1.8196	\$15.45	\$16.63	\$1.8112	\$22.39
Oct	\$15.16	\$1.7991	\$20.93	\$10.46	\$1.8577	\$16.60	\$10.97	\$1.8507	\$17.06	\$7.40	\$1.8507	\$13.62	\$14.53	\$1.8291	\$20.42
Nov	\$16.69	\$1.8928	\$22.73	\$8.52	\$1.7800	\$14.45	\$9.64	\$1.7730	\$15.51	\$6.26	\$1.7730	\$12.25	\$15.37	\$1.8328	\$21.25
Dec	\$14.89	\$1.8465	\$20.83	\$6.88	\$1.3068	\$11.21	\$11.12	\$1.2998	\$15.28	\$6.01	\$1.2998	\$10.35	\$13.86	\$1.5719	\$18.88
Jan 2009	\$16.64	\$1.4523	\$21.14	\$6.74	\$1.1154	\$10.41	\$7.15	\$1.1084	\$10.78	\$5.92	\$1.1084	\$9.59	\$15.02	\$1.2645	\$18.92
Feb	\$12.47	\$1.1680	\$16.12	\$6.63											

FEDERAL ORDER 6 - FLORIDA: POOLED RECEIPTS AND UTILIZATION OF PRODUCER MILK

Pool Period	Producer Milk 1000 lbs.	Number of Farms	CLASS I		CLASS II		CLASS III		CLASS IV	
			1000 lbs.	%	1000 lbs.	%	1000 lbs.	%	1000 lbs.	%
Nov 2007	249,743	437	216,964	86.87%	20,824	8.34%	6,185	2.48%	5,769	2.31%
Dec	267,192	417	219,690	82.22%	20,117	7.53%	8,914	3.34%	18,472	6.91%
Jan 2008	283,233	360	234,011	82.61%	23,387	8.26%	9,449	3.34%	16,386	5.79%
Feb	265,597	339	220,598	83.06%	20,508	7.72%	11,338	4.27%	13,153	4.95%
Mar	283,037	336	232,993	82.32%	22,223	7.85%	9,101	3.22%	18,720	6.61%
Apr	269,523	311	218,677	81.14%	22,625	8.39%	8,872	3.29%	19,348	7.18%
May	269,726	300	227,246	84.25%	19,153	7.10%	13,231	4.91%	10,096	3.74%
June	260,187	340	196,600	75.56%	18,866	7.25%	24,271	9.33%	20,450	7.86%
July	244,389	352	204,161	83.54%	20,312	8.31%	10,384	4.25%	9,531	3.90%
Aug	248,673	419	211,134	84.90%	22,179	8.92%	662	0.27%	14,698	5.91%
Sep	236,579	408	205,230	86.75%	20,137	8.51%	572	0.24%	10,640	4.50%
Oct	253,787	427	220,737	86.98%	20,057	7.90%	836	0.33%	12,156	4.79%
Nov	250,742	415	210,122	83.80%	19,828	7.91%	3,556	1.42%	17,237	6.87%
Dec	264,689	430	223,609	84.48%	18,762	7.09%	5,217	1.97%	17,101	6.46%
Jan 2009	286,220	400**	233,649	81.64%	18,349	6.41%	11,770	4.11%	22,452	7.84%



* Class I and uniform prices are at Hillsborough County (Tampa), Florida; ** Estimated

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Pool and Payment Dates For the Pooling Periods February through April 2009									
	Pool & Uniform Price	MA Payment Dates		Payments for Producer Milk					
		Due to:	Due From:	First Partial Payment Due**		Second Partial Payment Due**		Final Pay Due	
Pool Month	Release Date	All Funds	P/S	Coop	Non - member	Coop	Non - member	Coop	Non - member
FEB 2009	03/11/09	03/12/09	03/13/09	02/19/09	02/20/09	03/04/09	03/05/09	03/13/09	03/16/09
MAR 2009	04/11/09	04/13/09	04/14/09	03/19/09	03/20/09	04/06/09	04/06/09	04/14/09	04/15/09
APR 2009	05/11/09	05/12/09	05/13/09	04/20/09	04/20/09	05/04/09	05/05/09	05/13/09	05/14/09

**The base rate for making partial payments in Hillsborough Co., FL for February will be \$17.03 per hundredweight for cooperatives (90 percent of the preceding month's uniform price) and \$16.08 for nonmembers (85 percent of the preceding month's uniform price).

Producer Touch Base Requirements & Handler Diversion Limits												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Producer Touch Base Days	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Diversion Percentage Limits	15%	15%	20%	20%	20%	20%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	15%

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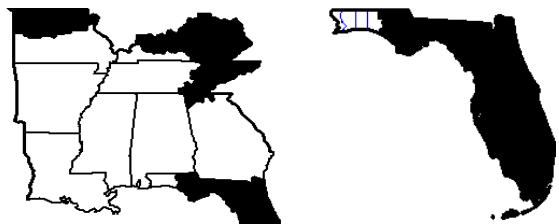
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Milk production forecasts for 2009 are lowered from last month. The January 30 Cattle report estimated that dairy cow inventories on January 1, 2009, were almost 1 percent above a year earlier and only fractionally fewer heifers were being retained for addition to dairy herds. Assuming no significant herd reductions in the first part of the year, producer returns are expected to be heavily pressured resulting in a relatively sharp reduction in inventories during the latter part of the year. Output per cow is unchanged from last month. Both domestic and export demand is forecast to remain weak due to economic uncertainty. Commercial export forecasts for 2009 are reduced from last month as weak international demand and expected competition from recently announced subsidized EU-27 exports limit opportunities for commercial exports. Conversely, lower international prices are expected to result in slightly higher U.S. imports of dairy products, primarily cheese. Fat basis ending stocks are forecast lower as supplies tighten later in the year on lower milk production, but skim-solids stocks are raised as exports of nonfat dry milk (NDM) are limited and supplies burden the market. Sales of butter and NDM to the CCC are forecast higher.

Milk and dairy product price estimates for 2009 are reduced as first-half product prices are expected to be pressured by the confluence of weak demand and burdensome supplies. As milk production is reduced, especially in the latter part of the year, tighter milk supplies are expected to help lift second half prices from their midyear lows. However, weaker forecast exports and continued weakness in domestic demand keep prices later in the year lower than forecast last month. As a result, the annual average product and Class prices are forecast below last month. The all milk price is also forecast lower, \$10.95 to \$11.65 per cwt in 2009.

1/ The World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report provides USDA's comprehensive forecasts of supply and demand for major U.S. and global crops and U.S. livestock, including dairy. The most recent WASDE report is available at www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm.

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