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To: Regulated Handlers, Southeast Marketing Area

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Subject: Transportation Credit Balancing Fund and Distributing Plant Delivery Credit Fund Assessments

Effective March 1, 2024, the Transportation Credit Balancing Fund assessment rate for the Southeast Marketing Area will be increased to \$0.60 per hundredweight on all producer milk assigned to Class I.

Effective March 1, 2024, the Distributing Plant Delivery Credit Fund assessment rate for the Southeast Marketing Area will be \$0.50 per hundredweight on all producer milk assigned to Class I.

The Transportation Credit Balancing Fund assessment and the Distributing Plant Delivery Credit Fund assessment will be reflected on the Announcement of Advanced Class Prices and Pricing Factors for March 2024 released February 22, 2024.

The assessments are the result of the final rule <u>published in the Federal Register</u> on February 1, 2024. The rule amends the transportation credit balancing fund provisions in the Appalachian and Southeast Federal milk marketing orders (FMMOs) and establishes distributing plant delivery credits in the Appalachian, Florida and Southeast FMMOs.