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Bruce Summers
Administrator
Agricultural Marketing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Administrator Summers:

On behalf of Agri-Mark, Inc. (Agri-Mark), I am writing in support of the comprehensive proposal for modernization of the Federal Milk Marketing Order system submitted on May 1, 2023 by the National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF). Agri-Mark, along with several other dairy cooperatives, participated on NMPF's task force focused on FMMO modernization.

Agri-Mark, Inc., is a Northeast dairy cooperative owned and operated by more than 500 dairy farm families across New England and New York. The cooperative has been marketing milk for dairy farmers since 1916 and has headquarters in Andover, Massachusetts and Waitsfield, Vermont. Those farm families supply more than 370 million gallons of farm-fresh milk that is crafted into our award-winning Cabot and McCadam branded cheeses, butter, yogurt, dairy products and ingredients. Agri-Mark operates three cheese manufacturing facilities located in Cabot, Vermont, Middlebury, Vermont, and Chateaugay, New York, as well as a butter-powder facility in West Springfield, Massachusetts. In addition, Agri-Mark supplies fresh fluid milk to the region's largest dairy processors, and the cooperative manufactures and markets valuable whey proteins around the world.

The NMPF plan represents an important and essential approach toward the systemwide changes needed to ensure a successful update of the nation's federal milk order system, which is critical to ensuring a stable, orderly supply of milk across the United States.

NMPF's plan is the result of nearly two years of meetings and discussions among the dairy industry's leading experts and represents a true consensus of the nation's dairy farmers and its processing dairy cooperatives. While its specific provisions will have different impacts on literally every dairy farm in America, this proposal will benefit all producers and represents the best path for the U.S. dairy industry moving forward.

We urge you to move forward with a national federal order hearing that includes all aspects of the NMPF proposal. Because of the extensive length of time that has passed since these provisions were last updated, and the complex interactions between these various provisions of milk-marketing orders, each individual component is essential to the success of the whole. Please help dairy farmers advance this industry by moving forward with the NMPF proposal. A brighter future for our farms, families and rural communities relies upon it.

Sincerely,

David Lynn
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