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## Kentucky Dairy Development Council

COMMENTS  
FEDERAL ORDER HEARING  
JANUARY 10, 2006

Farm milk prices in Kentucky and the Southeastern United States have eroded over the past several years, especially **when** compared to other geographic areas of the **U.S.** Kentucky Dairy Development Council, which represents all dairy farmers in Kentucky and many allied industry members, is opposed to any Federal Order change which further erodes farm price or weakens the **position** of Kentucky dairy farmers in comparison to other states and regions of the **U.S.**

We encourage Federal Order considerations, **which would** strengthen the position of Kentucky and Southeastern **U.S.** dairy **farmers** in the market place. The Southeastern U.S. is a growing market for milk and dairy products; however, **non-competitive** pricing is discouraging milk production in this region.

Further, we propose **that** any and all Federal Order proposals in the future contain, or be accompanied by, a statement of fiscal **impact** on dairy farmers. This should **be** written in language which can be understood by all.

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