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TO: Deputy Administrator, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs
STOP – 0231 – Room 2971
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20250-0225

FROM: Theodore B. Dunajski, New England Producer - Handler

RE: Comments on Proposal to Eliminate the Producer – Handler Provision and Revise the Exempt Plant Provision in all Federal Milk Marketing Orders.

Our family owns a dairy farm in Peabody, Massachusetts, which my Grandparents started around 1920. They began the business with a few dairy cows and sold the milk house to house to customers in glass milk bottles with a horse and wagon.

Presently, my son, daughter and I operate the dairy and fields, as well as process the milk in our bottling plant. We market our product to our customers which are local businesses that consist of convenience stores, restaurants, coffee shops, nursing and retirement homes, etc.

In the month of January 2009 we sold 337,000 pounds of milk. The 450,000 pound per month limit mentioned in the National Milk Producers Federation letter dated January 30, 2009, we feel should be increased. Please consider to raise the proposed exemption figure for Producer – Handlers.

Also, it is my belief that Producer – Handlers market only 1% of all milk sold in the United States of America, because of this, I do not understand how it could disrupt the milk market.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Theodore B. Dunajski
Dunajski Dairy, Inc.

Addendum

The 450,000 pound per month limit mentioned in the National Milk Producers Federation letter dated January 30, 2009 should be increased to 2,000,000 pounds per month.

