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VIA EMAIL

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Re: USDA Data Requests for Organic Milk Modified Wichita Option Proposal

Dear Ms. Taylor:

On behalf of the Organic Trade Association, and its members (“OTA”), we make the following data and information requests with respect to our Proposal to Amend all Federal Milk Marketing Orders to Include a Modified Wichita Option for Organic Milk. In making these requests, we acknowledge that information sought is collected, maintained and reported by several agencies, including AMS, NASS, ERS and possibly others. We request AMS to coordinate with its sister federal and state agencies to help produce relevant information.

To the extent feasible, it would be helpful to obtain the data in searchable .pdf table and excel formats.

In general, requested data should be monthly and begin for January 2013 through the most recent data available, unless otherwise indicated. Unless otherwise indicated please provide data on a monthly and annual basis.

1. A list of all partially regulated distributing plants (“PRDPs”), including the name of each entity and the marketing area(s) in which it has route disposition.

2. The volume and utilization by class for all products sold by PRDPs, broken down by marketing area.
3. For each marketing area, describe the treatment (including whether or not it qualifies as route disposition) of milk sold to or on military facilities, including how the milk is tracked and priced.
4. The financial impact of PRDPs on the producer settlement fund by month, broken down by order.
5. Updated data through the most recent date available for the following previously submitted data requests:
 - a. Change in Value of the Pool by Removing Class I Organic Milk (By Order) (January 2013 – June 2015)
 - b. Organic Gross vs Mailbox Price (January 2015 – June 2015)
 - c. Organic Producer Receipts with Components (January 2013 – June 2015).
6. The volume and utilization by class of organic producer receipts broken down by marketing area for January 2013 to the most recent date available. Should non-Class I volume and utilization be available, please note this and estimate it assuming that it is proportional to marketing area's utilization.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us should you have any questions about the above requests.

Respectfully submitted,

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