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Dear Mr. English:

On September 29, 2015, the Organic Trade Association (OTA) and its members submitted a formal request to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a hearing to amend the ten existing Federal milk marketing orders (FMMOs). The proposal would provide a credit to organic fluid milk handlers against their monthly FMMO pool obligations, dependent upon the price paid to dairy farmers for organic milk.

USDA is continuing to review the information provided, gather additional information, and consider your request. If OTA has any additional information that can be submitted, we will include that material in our review.

Sincerely,


for Elanor Starmer
Acting Administrator