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Mr. Daniel Smith, Esq.
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Dear Messrs. Smith and Christ:

Enclosed is the information you requested in your July 13, 2012, letter. Your request builds on earlier requests from May 4, 2009, March 4, 2011, and November 29, 2011, concerning competitive price zones based on handler presence and Herfindahl-Hirschmann Index numbers. The data, as requested, expand on the original December 2008 data collected from all ten Federal milk orders to include May and December for 2008 through 2011.

Table 1 lists, for each milkshed, the weighted difference in gross producer pay price minus individual minimum order price for each time period. Table 2 lists, for each identified competitive county, the difference, weighted by pooled producer milk, reported by each Federal order by time period. The data are included unless otherwise restricted.

Dr. Corey Freije of the Upper Midwest Order staff in Minneapolis has derived the milkshed data results on behalf of Dairy Programs. I hope you find these data helpful. If you have questions or require further assistance, please contact Corey at 952-277-2355 or cfreije@fmma30.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana H. Coale".

Dana H. Coale
Deputy Administrator
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Enclosures