

December 20, 2006

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RE: Request for Hearing on Make Allowances
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Dear Deputy Administrator:

At the Hearing workshop held in December AMS representatives noted that proposals modifications and requests for data should be submitted to USDA by December 20.

Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. does not wish to make any modifications to either of its two proposals and will present data and evidence to support them at a hearing.

At the workshop, AMS personnel did indicate a willingness to provide a data set generated jointly by industry and AMS for the proposal made by Bob Wellington of Agrimark. The price series proposed by Agrimark using both NASS and CME prices can best be evaluated if the price series is computed by both industry and AMS prior to the hearing. I want to make sure that you are still committed to doing this.

My goal is to have a price series that is accurate so that hearing testimony can focus on intent and not the method to calculate the data series.

If you have any questions please call me at 816 801 6422.

Sincerely

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