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Jack Rower, Marketing Specialist USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs

Dear Mr. Rower,

This letter is to notify you that the Progressive Agriculture Organization strongly endorses the proposals submitted to the USDA concerning a new method of pricing Class III and IV milk. During the last few years we have conducted over thirty (30) meetings with dairy farmers. At every meeting the large majority of producers supported the philosophy of the proposals as submitted by the National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC).

Without any reservations, the dairy farmers <u>direct</u> cost of production must be brought into a new pricing formula. Gerald Carlin, a dairy farmer from Meshoppen, PA and I are the authors of the NFFC proposals.

Best Regards,

Arden Tewksbury, Manager

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