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To: Handlers, Cooperatives, and Interested Parties

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Subject: AMS Issues FMMO Final Decision

On November 12, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) issued a final decision on [its website](#) proposing to amend the uniform pricing formulas applicable in all 11 Federal milk marketing orders (FMMOs). The decision has not yet been published in the Federal Register and this is not the official version of the proposed rule. Once the official version is published in the Federal Register, it will be available at <https://www.federalregister.gov>.

For additional information, see the published Press Release published on the USDA website at: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/press-release/usda-issues-final-decision-amendments-all-eleven-federal-milk-marketing-orders>.

Following the publication of the final decision and before any changes take effect, AMS will conduct producer referendums in each of the 11 FMMOs. Producers whose milk was pooled on an FMMO in January 2024 are eligible to participate in the referendum. They will have the opportunity to vote in favor of or opposition to the FMMOs as proposed to be amended in the final decision.

AMS will host three public webinars to further inform stakeholders of the proposed amendments and producer referendum process. These webinars will take place November 19 and November 25 at 11 a.m. ET and November 21 at 3 p.m. ET. A link to access the webinars will be provided in advance on the [AMS hearing website](#). In addition, AMS supplementary educational documents have been posted on the hearing website.

Copies of the final decision, information on the producer referendum process, and the entire hearing record can be found on the [hearing website](#) or obtained from USDA/AMS/Dairy Program; STOP 0225 - Rm. 2530; 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0225. Procedural questions can be submitted to fmmohearing@usda.gov or phone: 202-720-4392.