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USDA Announces Equivalent Price Determination for Dairy Product Sales Report

WASHINGTON, April 12, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced a determination of equivalent price series notice for the Dairy Product Sales report.

The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the dairy product price series in the Dairy Products Sales report, as published by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), is equivalent to those prices previously released by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) in the Dairy Products Prices report.

As NASS has discontinued the publication of the Dairy Products Prices report and AMS has recently implemented an electronic reporting system to compile and publish these data, USDA will consider these two series as being equivalent. The AMS data, published in the Dairy Product Sales report, will be used in the calculation of milk component values and the subsequent computation of Federal milk market order minimum classified milk prices.

The notice will be published in the April 13, 2012 *Federal Register*. For additional information about this determination contact: Bret Tate, USDA/AMS/Dairy Program, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250; by email at bret.tate@ams.usda.gov; or by telephone at (202) 720-7183.

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