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TO: Pacific Northwest Order 124 Handlers
FROM: Acting Market Administrator, Bothell, Washington
SUBJECT: Milk Lost at the Farm Due to Recent Severe Winter Storms

Severe winter storms in Oregon and Washington during several days in February 2019 caused the closure of major highways and side roads and resulted in dangerous travel conditions throughout the area.

Because of these severe and extreme weather conditions, milk that was forced to be dumped at the farm will be eligible to be pooled at the lowest priced class for the February 2019 delivery period.

Such milk must be reported by the qualified handler under the order on their pool reports for February 2019. It is the handler's responsibility to provide proof satisfactory to the Acting Market Administrator of the quantity and component tests of such milk. The average component test for the month from each farm where milk was forced to be dumped may be used for reporting purposes.

This extreme weather policy was last effective in January 2017 when similar weather conditions prevented milk from being picked up at the farm.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Bothell office.



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