



Tentative Hearing Schedule by Topic

This document outlines the projected order in which topics will be discussed at the hearing and should be used as a framework to develop testimony. As the hearing advances, interested parties can track the hearing progress and any schedule changes at www.ams.usda.gov/caorder.

When the hearing opens, USDA witnesses will enter into the record and answer questions regarding the Preliminary Economic Impact Analysis and statistics compiled at the request of interested parties. Given the volume of material, this may take several days. Once the government witnesses conclude, hearing testimony from the proponents of the initial proposal (California Dairies, Inc.; Land O'Lakes, Inc.; Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.) will begin, followed by proponents of additional proposals (Dairy Institute of California; California Producer Handlers Association; and Ponderosa Dairy), and other interested parties. All parties will testify regarding Topic 1 before moving to testimony on Topic 2, and so forth.

- 1. Opening Statements, Justification, Scope and Purpose**
- 2. Definitions and Pooling Standards**
 - Marketing Area
 - Route Disposition
 - Plant, Distributing Plant, Supply Plant, Pool Plant, and Non-pool Plant
 - Handler
 - Producer-Handler
 - Producer
 - Producer Milk and Other Source Milk
 - Fluid Milk Product
 - Fluid Cream Product
 - Cooperative Association
 - Commercial Food Processing Establishment
 - CDFA, Quota Premium, Producer Quota, Quota Nonfat Solids, and Non-Quota Milk
- 3. Rules of Practice and Procedures Governing MA's and Order Provisions**
 - Market Administrator
 - Continuity and Separability of Provisions
- 4. Rules of Practice and Procedure Governing Handlers**
 - Handler Responsibility for Records and Facilities
 - Termination of Obligations
 - Reports of Receipts and Utilization
 - Producer and Payroll Reports
 - Other Reports
- 5. Classification of Milk**
 - Classes of Utilization
 - Classification of Transfers and Diversions
 - General Classification Rules
 - Classification of Producer Milk
 - Market Administrator's Reports and Announcements Concerning Classification
- 6. Class Prices**
 - Class Prices, Component Prices, and Advanced Pricing Factors
 - Class I Differential and Price Adjusted Class I Differentials
 - Announcement of Class Prices, Component Prices, and Advanced Pricing Factors
 - Equivalent Price
- 7. Marketwide Service Payments**
 - Transportation Credits and Allowances
 - Mileage Rate for Transportation Credits
- 8. Producer Prices and Payments for Milk**
 - Handler's Value of Milk
 - Computation of Producer Component Prices and Producer Price Differential
 - Announcement of Producer Prices
 - Payments to Producers Under the California Quota Program
 - Producer-Settlement Fund
 - Payments To and From the Producer Settlement Fund
 - Payments and Partial Payments to Producers and Cooperative Associations
 - Plant Location Adjustments for Producer Milk and Non-pool Milk
 - Payments by a Handler Operating a Partially Regulated Distributing Plant
 - Adjustment of Accounts
 - Charges on Overdue Accounts
- 9. Administrative Assessment, Marketing Service Deduction, and Miscellaneous Provisions**
 - Assessment for Order Administration
 - Deduction for Marketing Services
 - Dates