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USDA National FMMO Hearing 2023: Virtual Producer Testimony Guidelines

Only Dairy Producers may testify virtually in the 2023 National FMMO Pricing Formula Hearing. Dairy Producer Testimony will be heard on the following Fridays during the Hearing from 12-3pm EST:

Testimony Day	Registration Opens
September 1, 12-3pm ET	Monday, August 28, 12 pm ET
September 8, 12-3pm ET	Tuesday, September 5, 12 pm ET
September 15, 12-3pm ET	Monday, September 11, 12 pm ET
September 29, 12-3pm ET	Monday, September 25, 12 pm ET

There will be at least 10 slots available each Friday on a first-come, first-serve basis. The timeslot will not be at a specific time, but will allow for testimony during the 3-hour window. timeslots will be made available at 12 pm ET for testimony on the following Friday. Producers must select an available timeslot on or before 11:59 p.m. Wednesday of the week desired to testify. Once timeslots are full, registration for that week will close. Producers will be notified via email confirmation of their registration to participate. Producers who received confirmation of their registration to testify on a Friday must sign into the hearing and be available for the entire period from 12-3pm ET. There will not be a pre-set order for testimony. Once a producer has completed testimony, they may exit the virtual meeting or stay on to hear other testimony.

To allow for maximum representation, we encourage only one witness per farm register to participate virtually. Upon testifying, the participant will be asked to certify the individual testifying is a dairy producer. Information requested during the registration process will not be made public. All testimony will be given under oath and subject to cross-examination. Once registered, each producer may provide up to 15 minutes of testimony, and be available for cross-examination with no time limit. If additional time is needed to testify, the producer must request additional time during the registration process.

Any exhibits accompanying testimony should be submitted to FMMOHearing@usda.gov by 8am ET the Friday scheduled, so they can be posted online for public viewing. Producer testimony does not have to adhere to the hearing schedule, but all testimony must be within the scope of the hearing.

If you have any questions about providing Zoom testimony or how to register, please contact FMMOHearing@usda.gov. To view the full published testimony guidelines please visit the [AMS website](#). 