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Date

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Ms. Dana Coale

Deputy Administrator

USDA

Dear Ms. Coale:

RE: **Freeze the Class I Price Mover in All Federal Milk Orders**

As a concerned dairy farmer, I request that USDA **set a minimum Class I Price Mover for all Federal Milk Orders at $15.00 per CWT**. Such a move would help maintain milk prices necessary to save my dairy farm and to provide market stability for my farm business.

I ask that USDA make this change expeditiously and consider these needed changes as an emergency provision critical to maintain orderly marketing and to ensure an adequate supply of fresh milk remains available for America’s consumers.

The Class I Price Mover is based on a combination of Class III and Class IV prices, plus $0.74 . The Class III and Class IV prices are calculated by using the surveyed commodity prices for butter, cheese, skim milk powder, and whey. When this system was established, nobody thought we would ever be in a situation where all commodity prices would collapse at the same time to the disastrous levels we are seeing today.

Due to this unprecedented collapse of commodity prices, I believe the Market Administrators must set a minimum level for the Class I Price Mover to preserve our dairy industry. If not, many dairy farms will not survive.

I believe the Federal Order system has the ability for “emergency action” that would allow for Market Administrators to take dramatic actions to assure the objectives of the Federal Order System are met. The COVID 19 crisis certainly constitutes an “emergency” and gives me beyond sufficient reason to request USDA to consider the actions proposed above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,