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Mr. Erick Metzger  
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Dear Mr. Metzger:

This letter is in reply to National All-Jersey's (NAJ) proposals submitted in response to a Request for Additional Proposals relating to the pricing provisions of the Federal milk marketing order (FMMO) program. USDA received NAJ's three proposals on June 14, 2023, and subsequent modifications on June 20, 2023.

A Hearing Notice has been published in the Federal Register announcing a hearing will convene at 9:00 a.m. ET on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 502 East Event Centre in Carmel Indiana. Testimony and evidence will be taken on NAJ's Proposal 1 seeking to update milk composition factors on a continuing annual basis. We encourage NAJ to participate in the hearing to provide evidence regarding why your proposal should be adopted. Please refer to the Hearing website ([www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/moa/dairy/hearings/national-fmmo-pricing-hearing](http://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/moa/dairy/hearings/national-fmmo-pricing-hearing)) for full information on how to participate.

The Secretary has determined the hearing will be limited in scope to amendments directly impacting the uniform pricing formulas of all FMMOs. USDA received several proposals that did not relate directly to the uniform FMMO pricing formulas and are beyond the scope of the upcoming rulemaking. Not including the proposals in this rulemaking proceeding does not prevent NAJ from offering the proposals for consideration in a separate rulemaking proceeding. Requirements for submitting a proposal are outlined in 7 CFR 900.22 and are outlined at [www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/DairyMarketingOrderAmendmentBrochure.pdf](http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/DairyMarketingOrderAmendmentBrochure.pdf).

Regarding proposals submitted by NAJ specifically, the following will not be heard:

Proposal 2

Proposal 2 seeks to amend the four FMMOs that currently use skim and butterfat pricing to use multiple component pricing (protein, other solids and butterfat) to price Classes II, III, and IV milk. This proposal seeks a regional, not national pricing change. As this change does not seek to amend the uniform FMMO pricing formulas, the proposal does not fall within the scope of this hearing and will not be heard at this time.

Proposal 3

Proposal 3 seeks to value Class I milk on actual pounds of protein, other solids, and nonfat solids pooled. As some regions price manufacturing milk on a skim and butterfat basis, not on a component basis, this proposal is premature for consideration. Therefore, this proposal it not being heard at this time.

Thank you for your interest in the FMMO program. We look forward to your participation in the hearing process.

Sincerely,

/s/

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