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To: Handlers With Receipts From Producers

From: Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator, Boston, Massachusetts

Subject: Acceptance of Off-Quality Farm Bulk Tank Producer Milk

In contrast to antibiotic milk, high bacteria or other off-quality milk in the farm bulk tank should be detected by the farm pickup driver and rejected at that point. It is thus incumbent upon the collector, as agent of the handler, to examine the milk and make a finding as to whether or not the milk is of proper quality to be accepted into the handler's supply.

Therefore, handlers will be required to pay producers for all milk other than penicillin or antibiotic contaminated milk which was accepted into a tank truck at the producer's farm.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the offices listed above.