

Agricultural Marketing Service Dairy Programs

FEDERAL MILK ORDER No. 1

Northeast Marketing Area

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To: Handlers Receiving Milk From Producers

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Subject: Producer Status as of January 1, 2000

The consolidated Northeast order defines a producer as "any person who produces milk approved by a duly constituted regulatory agency for fluid consumption as Grade A milk and whose milk (or components of milk) is:

- (1) Received at a pool plant directly from the producer or diverted by the plant operator in accordance with Section 1001.13; or
- (2) Received by a handler described in Section 1000.9(c)." [Section 1001.12(a).]

With respect to the status of individual dairy farmers on January 1, 2000, the implementation date of the Northeast order, the following rules will apply:

- (1) A dairy farmer who was a qualified producer during December 1999 under former Federal orders 1, 2, or 4 will be automatically granted producer status under the Northeast order on January 1.
- (2) A dairy farmer who was not a qualified producer under one of the predecessor orders, but whose entire production for one day is received during January 2000 at a plant which is pooled under the Northeast order, will be granted producer status effective January 1.
- (3) Any producer who has not qualified for producer status under the Northeast order under (1) or (2) above may qualify during the month that the producer's entire production for one day is received at a plant pooled under the Northeast order.