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General Comment: The reasoning behind my comment is to bring into consideration the cost passed on to me and all other consumers of this proposed rule. By adding a cost onto the producers it only seems logical that the extra fee will make it to the grocery shelves for all consumers to endure.

I personally consume great amounts of dairy products. My budget is incredibly tight and an increase in food prices only hurts me. I understand that the agency has to meet revenue needs to function, however, the burden of this increase is on the consumer.

The service that you provide is not being changed by any means. So why should the service charge be increased for the same exact service? Because your employees get a raise?

"Since projected revenues will not cover program costs while maintaining an adequate reserve, the Dairy Grading Branch will be put in an unstable financial position that will adversely affect the ability to provide dairy inspection and grading services."

If this is the case, then may I suggest you find another way to increase revenue.

One idea would be to submit a higher wage request to the OMB for your following years budget. This cost seems unreasonable for the consumer. We as consumers are already paying for federal employees pay raises through taxes. Covering federal wages should not be justified or covered by the foods we purchase on the shelves, only through the proper channels of taxation.

Benjamin B. "A concerned consumer"