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Invitation to Nominate Milk Producers to Serve as Members  
of the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board

The terms of office for 10 members of the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board (Board) will expire October 31, 2008. Additionally, the Board has requested that the Department of Agriculture (USDA), based on its review of the geographic distribution of milk production in the contiguous States, amend the number of members in 6 of the 13 regions. Accordingly, member representation in Region 1 (Washington and Oregon) will be decreased from two members to one member. Regions 11 (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania) and 12 (New York) will each be decreased from three members to two members and therefore, each of these region's expiring positions will not be filled. Regions 2 (California), 3 (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming), and 4 (Arkansas, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) will each be increased by one member. Please note that because of the Board's reapportionment recommendation a total of 13 positions are being solicited.

Enclosed is a press release requesting that dairy producer and farm organizations and other interested parties nominate candidates for the Board. All nominees must be in good standing with USDA.

Members whose terms expire on October 31, 2008, are:

Region 2*	Ronald L. Koetsier, Visalia, California
Region 3	Lester E. Hardesty, Greeley, Colorado
Region 4*	William R. Anglin, Bentonville, Arkansas
Region 5*	Donna L. Sharp, Bath, South Dakota
Region 6*	Bradford A. McCauley, Viola, Wisconsin
Region 6*	Carl F. Van Den Avond, Green Bay, Wisconsin
Region 7*	Douglas D. Nuttelman, Stromsburg, Nebraska
Region 8	Michael M. Ferguson, Coldwater, Mississippi
Region 9*	Carl A. Schmitz, Wadesville, Indiana
Region 13*	Debora A. Erb, Landaff, New Hampshire

\*Members eligible for re-nomination to serve a second 3-year term.

Nominations are being solicited for: Region 2 (California – 2 positions); Region 3 (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming – 2 positions); Region 4 (Arkansas, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas – 2 positions); Region 5 (Minnesota, North Dakota,

and South Dakota); Region 6 (Wisconsin – 2 positions); Region 7 (Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska); Region 8 (Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee); Region 9 (Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia); and Region 13 (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont).

Due to the Board reapportionment recommendation, two members will be appointed to a term for Region 2 (California), Region 3 (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming), and Region 4 (Arkansas, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas). It should be noted that one of the appointments made through the nomination process will be for a term 1 or 2 years in length. The Board will determine which region will receive the shortened term. One member will be appointed to a new 3-year term for each of the remaining regions listed above.

You may nominate a milk producer(s) for any of the 13 available positions noted above in any of regions where your organization conducts business. The person(s) nominated must produce milk in the region for which they are nominated. Nominees should be willing to give about 25 days per year of their time to attend scheduled Board meetings and other related functions. Nominations, with the exception of one term, will be for 3-year terms beginning November 1, 2008, and ending October 31, 2011.

If you wish to nominate a milk producer(s), please submit a completed and signed copy of the enclosed nomination and background information forms for each nominee by June 9, 2008, to:

Ms. Whitney A. Rick  
 Chief, Promotion and Research Branch  
 USDA, AMS, Dairy Programs  
 Stop 0233, Room 2958-South Building  
 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.  
 Washington, D.C. 20250-0233

If there is more than one organization representing producers in a specific region, they may caucus and jointly nominate a producer(s) for each position representing that region on the Board for which a member is to be appointed. If a caucus is held, the caucus chairperson should prepare and submit a separate nomination form for each nominee on behalf of the caucus. It is not necessary for each organization participating in the caucus to submit nominations if it is in agreement with the caucus.

If nominations are submitted as a result of a caucus, we encourage the nomination of more than one producer for each position on the Board. If joint agreement is not reached with respect to any such nominations, or if no caucus is held, each eligible organization may submit to the Secretary nominations for each appointment to be made to represent that region.

USDA's programs are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or familial status. We especially urge women, minorities, and persons with disabilities to participate,

recognizing their frequent under-representation on such public boards. It is USDA's policy that membership on industry-governed boards and committees reflect, to the extent practicable, the diversity of individuals served by the programs.

If you have any questions, please contact the Promotion and Research Branch at (202) 720-6909 or email [whitney.rick@usda.gov](mailto:whitney.rick@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana H. Coale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dana" being more prominent and the last name "Coale" following in a similar style.

Dana H. Coale  
Deputy Administrator  
Dairy Programs

Enclosures - (Press Release), (Nomination Form), (Background Information Form)