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National Farmers Organization (NFO) with headquarters in Ames, IA is a national, all commodity, Capper-Volstead organization which collectively bargains for its members. NFO markets raw milk to processors across the country.

NFO supports NMPF's position in this hearing. The \$.74/cwt. increase in Class I and II prices proposed by NMPF is greatly needed by dairy producers who are impacted by rising input costs such as fuel, fertilizer and feed. Producer income increases from this proposal by NMPF will help offset reductions in Class III and IV prices caused by increased make allowances which the USDA is implementing in all Federal Orders.

NFO urges the USDA to grant NMPF's formula change proposals as a positive step in assuring that dairy producers can maintain their operations and meet consumer demand for Class I and II products.

Sincerely,

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