Farm milk prices in Kentucky and the Southeastern United States have eroded over the past several years, especially when compared to other geographic areas of the U.S. Kentucky Dairy Development Council, which represents all dairy farmers in Kentucky and many allied industry members, is opposed to any Federal Order change which further erodes farm price or weakens the position of Kentucky dairy farmers in comparison to other states and regions of the U.S.

We encourage Federal Order considerations, which would strengthen the position of Kentucky and Southeastern U.S. dairy farmers in the market place. The Southeastern U.S. is a growing market for milk and dairy products; however, non-competitive pricing is discouraging milk production in this region.

Further, we propose that any and all Federal Order proposals in the future contain, or be accompanied by, a statement of fiscal impact on dairy farmers. This should be written in language which can be understood by all.

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