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RE "Make" Allowance Comments and Exceptions

Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

The higher manufacturing allowances (MAKE) proposed to take effect on February 1, 2007 are like a slap in the face for dairy producers who have been struggling this past year with record low milk prices. Producers are hard pressed to pay lenders, feed dealers, and other suppliers.

Some how it seems to be bad economics for producers to pay manufacture's costs. No other industry does this.

THIS POLICY NEEDS CHANGED AND NOT PUT INTO EFFECT.

Sincerely

Rodney D. Reese