WASHINGTON, July 24, 2008 -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced that it will hold a public hearing to consider proposals seeking to temporarily increase the Class I differentials in the southern tier of the Mideast marketing area. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. on Aug. 19, 2008, at the Westin Cincinnati Hotel, 21 E 5th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

The hearing notice will be published in the July 24, 2008, Federal Register. Copies of the hearing notice may be obtained from the USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, STOP 0231 - Rm. 2971, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0231. The hearing notice is available at www.regulations.gov.

Anyone interested in participating in the hearing should notify a USDA official upon arrival. The hearing notice and additional information is available from the market administrator:

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