



## **National FMMO Hearing 2023: Virtual Producer Testimony Guidelines**

### **Only Dairy Producers may testify virtually in the 2023 National FMMO Pricing Formula Hearing.**

- Dairy Producer Testimony will be heard on the following Fridays during the Hearing from 12-3pm EST: September 1, September 8, September 15, and September 29, 2023.
- At least 10 slots will be available each Friday on a first-come, first-serve basis. The timeslot will not be at a specific time, but will allow for testimony during the 3-hour window.
- To allow for maximum representation, we encourage only one witness per farm register to participate virtually. Upon testifying, the participant will be asked to certify the individual testifying is a dairy producer. Information requested during the registration process will not be made public. All testimony will be given under oath and subject to cross-examination.
- Once registered, each producer may provide up to 15 minutes of testimony, and be available for cross-examination with no time limit. If additional time is needed to testify, the producer must request additional time during the registration process.
- On each of the following days: Monday, August 28, Tuesday, September 5, Monday, September 11 and Monday, September 25, timeslots will be made available at 12 pm ET for testimony on the following Friday. Producers must select an available timeslot on or before 11:59 p.m. Wednesday of the week desired to testify. Once timeslots are full, registration for that week will close.
- Producers will be notified via email confirmation of their registration to participate.
- Producers who received confirmation of their registration to testify on a Friday must sign into the hearing and be available for the entire period from 12-3pm ET. There will not be a pre-set order for

testimony. Once a producer has completed testimony, they may exit the virtual meeting or stay on to hear other testimony.

- If a producer has registered and needs to cancel, please email [Emily.DeBord@usda.gov](mailto:Emily.DeBord@usda.gov) as soon as possible, so the timeslot may be made available to another producer.
- Any exhibits accompanying testimony should be submitted to [FMMOHearing@usda.gov](mailto:FMMOHearing@usda.gov) by 8am ET the Friday scheduled, so they can be posted online for public viewing.
- A producer will only be permitted to register for a timeslot one time during the entirety of the 2023 National FMMO Pricing Formula Hearing.
- Producer testimony does not have to adhere to the hearing schedule, but all testimony must be within the scope of the hearing.

### **How to Register/use Doodle Poll:**

- Please check the website for the Doodle Poll link in the week you would like to testify. A new link will be posted on the days specified above at 12pm ET/9am PT, closing Wednesday at 11:59pm ET, for testifying on Friday of that week.
- Producers will be required to provide: name, email address, contact phone number for day of testimony, Farm or Business name, and State where your farm is located. You will also be asked to indicate whether you are a cooperative or independent shipper; however, this information is optional and if provided, will be kept confidential.
- Once registration is submitted, reviewed and approved, producers will receive an email by 5pm ET on Thursday containing a Zoom link and participation instructions from [FMMOHearing@usda.gov](mailto:FMMOHearing@usda.gov) to use during Friday's testimony.
- Once all 10 slots are reserved OR the Wednesday deadline has passed, Doodle will display a message that reads "This event is no longer live or does not exist." If you see this message, you will need to wait until the next date specified above to register to testify.
- If you have any questions about providing Zoom testimony or how to register, please contact [FMMOHearing@usda.gov](mailto:FMMOHearing@usda.gov).