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Mr. Mark Lamers, President
Lamers Dairy, Inc.
N410 Speel School Road
Appleton, Wisconsin 54915

Dear Mr. Lamers:

This letter is in reply to Lamers Dairy's proposal submitted in response to a Request for Additional Proposals relating to the pricing provisions of the Federal milk marketing order (FMMO) program. USDA received Lamers Dairy's proposal on June 13, 2023, seeking to increase the fluid milk sales monthly production limit on plants exempt from mandatory pooling to three million pounds.

The Secretary has determined the hearing will be limited in scope to amendments directly impacting the uniform pricing formulas of all FMMOs. USDA received several proposals that did not relate directly to the uniform FMMO pricing formulas and are beyond the scope of the upcoming rulemaking. Lamers Dairy proposal does not seek to amend the uniform FMMO pricing formulas. Accordingly, this proposal does not fall within the scope of this hearing and will not be heard at this time. Not including the proposal in this rulemaking proceeding does not prevent it from being offered for consideration in a separate rulemaking proceeding.

Requirements for submitting a proposal are outlined in 7 CFR 900.22 at www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/DairyMarketingOrderAmendmentBrochure.pdf.

A Hearing Notice has been published in the Federal Register announcing a hearing will convene at 9:00 a.m. ET on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 502 East Event Centre in Carmel, Indiana. We encourage Lamers Dairy to participate in the hearing. Please refer to the Hearing website (www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/moa/dairy/hearings/national-fmmo-pricing-hearing) for full information on how to participate.

Thank you for your interest in the FMMO program.

Sincerely,

/s/

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