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Gino Tosi, Associate Deputy Administrator
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Dear Mr. Tosi:

As a dairy farmer for over 42 years, I'm definitely an "interested" party who wishes to comment on the pricing of farmers' milk.

We need to change the method used currently and arrive at a fair price by factoring in the farmers' cost of production, which is clearly mandated by 608(c)18 of the 1937 Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act.

These other factors that influence our prices must also be considered and dealt with:

- 1) Importation of milk protein concentrate(MPC) and its illegal use in our nation's food supply, plus the impact of these imports on our milk prices when our "supply" cup is "reported" to be running over.
- 2) Pooling and movement of milk by buyers with the quality, Rbst-free, states' over-order premiums, etc. not getting back to the farmers.
- 3) A system of corruption, manipulation, and deception which includes the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, and "thin trading" with little or no transparency or oversight.
- 4) Block voting should be eliminated to ensure individual farmers have a "voice and a choice" and are not crippled or put out of business by monopolistic practices that we have today.
- 5) All agencies and those in control should be more responsive to the farmers' situations and pricing, lest our future supply of farmers and our nation's food supply be jeopardized.

Others more knowledgeable about pricing than I am are presenting proposals. Proposals considering the farmers' cost of production should have the highest priority.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Donna Hall
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