Dear Sirs!

I am writing about decoupling Class I price in federal order from the Class III or Class IV price two months earlier!

Class III or IV products are items that can be stored for months. Class I is needed to be sold by 2 weeks. No comparison!

Please price Class I by a leading process reflecting the conditions of the regions of the nation. Ex: wage scale, unemployment rate, cost of energy, Cost of ag services (vet, mower repairs, interest, Taxes, Urban expansion, etc) Feed cost, Herd replacements.

For each 100 milk cows in Order I, we get paid a Blend price of about $6,000 less the month of Aug and Jan of 2005 than in 2005.

Had we been paid by a formula for Closer these two months and Class I dropped $3 to 48% we would have been short $3,000.

Also back several years ago when price of butter went at way up for agreements that price of fluid milk Class I could not shoot the roof in price. It caused many problems for fluid plant managers in making pre quotas. Commitment is prices. A steady increase with little backing up is best for the industry. I'm opposed to make - allowances.

Best wishes in the market place!

Yours in 40 years of dairy
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