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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. DA-97-08]

Milk in the New England and Other Marketing Areas; Determination of Equivalent Cheese Price Series

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Determination of equivalent price series.

SUMMARY: It has been determined by the Secretary that the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) U.S. average 40-pound block Cheddar cheese price is an equivalent cheese price alternative for use in computing the Basic Formula Price (BFP) which is used to establish milk prices in all Federal milk marketing orders. The Department has been using the simple average for the month of the National Cheese Exchange (NCE) 40-pound block Cheddar cheese price when computing the BFP. As a result of the closing of the NCE, a new cheese price series is needed to announce the BFP for May and future months. The NASS price will also be used to derive a protein price and/or milk quality adjustment in Federal milk orders that contain multiple component pricing plans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 5, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John F. Borovies, Chief, Order Formulation Branch, USDA/AMS/Dairy Division, Room 2971, South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456, (202) 720-7183, e-mail address john—f—borovies@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action provides an equivalent cheese price series for calculation of the BFP which is used to derive milk prices in all Federal milk marketing orders (7 CFR Parts 1001, 1002, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1030, 1032, 1033, 1036, 1040, 1044, 1046, 1049,

1050, 1064, 1065, 1068, 1076, 1079, 1106, 1124, 1126, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1137, 1138, and 1139). The Department has been using the simple average for the month of the NCE 40-pound block Cheddar cheese price data to compute the BFP. However, a new cheese price series is needed by June 5, 1997, to announce the BFP for May and subsequent months, and derive a protein price and/or milk quality adjustment in 10 Federal orders which contain multiple component pricing plans (7 CFR Parts 1030, 1033, 1036, 1040, 1049, 1065, 1068, 1076, 1079, and 1124). Order provisions provide the Secretary authority to adopt an equivalent replacement if a price series needed to calculate the BFP is not available.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), and the applicable provisions of the orders, as amended, regulating the handling of milk in the aforesaid marketing areas, it is hereby found and determined that:

(1) Each Federal milk marketing order provides a BFP that is determined by the Department of Agriculture each month. The pricing formula is based on the prices paid to dairy farmers during the preceding month by unregulated manufacturing plants in Minnesota and Wisconsin, adjusted for changes in dairy product prices between the previous and current month. The NCE served as the source of prices for 40-pound block Cheddar cheese used to construct the BFP in all Federal milk orders.

(2) The price data was also used to calculate a protein price and/or milk quality adjustment in 10 Federal orders which contain multiple component pricing plans.

(3) Each order provides that if for any reason a price or pricing constituent required by the order for computing class prices or for other purposes is not available as prescribed in the order, the market administrator shall use a price or pricing constituent determined by the Secretary to be equivalent to the price or pricing constituent that is required.

(4) The NCE ceased operating after April 25, 1997. The BFP announcement on May 5 was based on April prices reported on the NCE; however, a new cheese price series is needed by June 5 to compute the BFP for May and future months.

(5) The new NASS price series will be announced weekly. It will include all transactions for bulk Cheddar cheese collected from plants located across the United States in which trades were placed during the previous week. Prices will be reported for the 40-pound block, 640-pound block, and 500-pound barrel. The 40-pound block Cheddar cheese price data will be used in the computation of the BFP.

(6) Accordingly, the new NASS U.S. average 40-pound block Cheddar cheese price is determined to be equivalent to the NCE price series for the purposes of computing the BFP used to establish milk prices under all Federal milk orders and deriving a protein price, and/or milk quality adjustment in Federal orders which contain multiple component pricing plans.

The authority citation for 7 CFR Parts 1001 through 1139 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601-674.

Dated: May 29, 1997.

Shirley R. Watkins,
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notice, Comment and Appeal of Decisions for Pacific Northwest Region, Oregon and Washington

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On November 6, 1996, the Forest Service published a listing of the newspapers that would be used by all Ranger Districts, Forests, and the Regional Office of the Pacific Northwest Region to publish legal notice of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR Parts 215 and 217 and to publish notice for public comment and notice of decisions subject to the provisions of 36 CFR Part 215. That notice was to inform interested members of the public which newspapers would be used to publish the legal notice for public comment and decision. This allows the public to receive constructive notice of decisions, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in

administering the appeal process. There is no change to that listing of newspapers published in the November 6, **Federal Register** (61 FR 57383).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Schuler, Regional Appeals Coordinator, Pacific Northwest Region, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, Oregon 97208-3623, phone: (503) 326-2322.

Dated: May 28, 1997.

Nancy Graybeal,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Spotted Owl Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Spotted Owl Federal Advisory Committee will meet on July 7 and 8, 1997 in Sacramento, California. The Committee is comprised of nine members and a committee chair. The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to hear presentations on the California Spotted Owl preliminary Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project report. The meeting is open to public attendance, however, participation is limited to scheduled presentors and Committee members. Persons in attendance who wish to bring comments to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 7 and 8, 1997. The meeting will begin at noon on July 7, and end at 4:00 p.m. on July 8.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at State Office Building Number 9, 744 'P' Street, Sacramento, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles Philpot, Committee Chair, (503) 625-5758; or Jonathan Stephens, Forest Service, (202) 205-0948; or Katherine Clement, (415) 705-1834.

Dated: May 28, 1997.

Katherine Clement,

Assistant Regional Forester, Ecosystem Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for Upcountry Maui Watershed, Maui County, Hawaii

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of record of decision.

SUMMARY: Kenneth M. Kaneshiro, Responsible Federal Official for projects administered under the provisions of Public Law 83-566 in the State of Hawaii, is hereby providing notification that a record of decision to proceed with the installation of the Upcountry Maui Watershed project, signed May 20, 1997, is available.

The record of decision documents the intent to implement Alternative 2—Agricultural Water Distribution System as set forth in the final Watershed Plan-Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Upcountry Maui Watershed, Maui County, Hawaii. The project will address the problems of inadequate and inconsistent irrigation water supply that prevent area farmers from full utilization of cropland and cause crop damage and losses during drought. The project will install a separate agricultural water system to supply untreated water for irrigation purposes to farmers in the Upper Kula area. The economic benefits derived by project implementation will exceed economic costs. The project meets the needs of the sponsoring local organizations.

The record of decision documents that the Upcountry Maui Watershed project uses all practicable means, consistent with other essential considerations of national policy, to meet the goals established in the National Environmental Policy Act. The FEIS has been prepared, reviewed, and accepted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

ADDRESSES: Single copies of this record of decision may be obtained from Kenneth M. Kaneshiro, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 300 Ala Moana Blvd. Room 4316, P.O. Box 50004, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Kolman, Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 300 Ala Moana Blvd. Room 4316, P.O. Box 50004, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96850, telephone (808) 541-2602.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No.

10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials)

Dated: May 20, 1997.

Kenneth M. Kaneshiro,
State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Dunloup Creek Watershed, West Virginia

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of reauthorization of federal funding.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Pub. L. 83-566, and the Soil Conservation Guidelines (7 CFR Part 622); U.S. Department of Agriculture gives notice of reauthorization of Federal funding for the Dunloup Creek Watershed Project, Fayette and Raleigh Counties, West Virginia. NRCS initiates planning assistance under the small watershed program. No comments were received during the 60 day comment period as noted in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard W. Sims, Acting State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 75 High Street, Room 301, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505, telephone: 304 291-4153; Fax: 304 291-4628.

Dated: May 29, 1997.

Richard W. Sims,

Acting State Conservationist.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under NO. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials)

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Michigan Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a community forum of the Michigan Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:00