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Charles M. English, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. English:

On September 29, 2015, the Organic Trade Association (OTA) and its members submitted a formal request to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a hearing to amend the ten existing Federal milk marketing orders (FMMOs). The proposal would provide a credit to organic fluid milk handlers against their monthly FMMO pool obligations, dependent upon the price paid to dairy farmers for organic milk. In addition, on May 10, 2016, USDA received your supplemental submission in support of the initial formal hearing request.

USDA is continuing to review the market concerns raised and the information provided in your proposal, along with the supplemental information from your May 10, 2016, letter.

Sincerely,

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Elanor Starmer  
Administrator