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Re: Actual Non Fat Dry Milk Yield Data

Dear Mr. Mc Kee:

In response to a request from Milk Producers Council, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has been working on a Non Fat Dry Milk (NFDM) yield study. It is nearly complete. We believe that this study will prove very valuable to USDA since the Proposed Rule for Federal Milk Marketing Order reform uses a product value formula to derive a minimum class 4 price which includes a NFDM yield factor. As we understand it, CDFA has compared actual pounds of NFDM delivered to the plant shipping dock to the pounds of milk received in the plant. Indications are that the NFDM yield will be higher than California's current .99 factor.

Mr. Kelly Krug, who is the Acting Director of Marketing for CDFA told me on Monday April 27, 1998 that he anticipated that the study would be released within three weeks. We are with this letter notifying you of the imminent release of this important study and committing to you that we will forward it to USDA as soon as we receive it. We realize that we cannot get it to you before the April 30, 1998 close of the public comment period but we hope that USDA will not disregard the study information simply because it was not physically delivered prior to April 30.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel
Director/Consultant

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