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TO: All Handlers Southwest Marketing Area


FROM: Cary Hunter, Market Administrator, Carrollton, Texas

SUBJECT: **Payment Due Dates and Price Announcement Dates for 2012**

Enclosed with this letter are schedules for Payment Due Dates for 2012 and Price Announcement Dates for the 1st quarter of 2012. The Payment Due Date schedule identifies the due dates for funds payable to the Market Administrator, Advance and Final Payments to Producers, and Advance and Final Payments to Cooperatives. Please note that in order for a payment to be considered timely the payment must be received by the respective party by the close of business on the date specified. Pursuant to §§ 1126.71, 1126.72, and 1126.73 payment must be received on or before the due date to be considered timely. Any payment that is received after the date specified will be considered late and will be subject to a one percent late charge, as set forth in § 1000.78. Payment is to be paid by the method authorized by the payee (i.e., wire transfer, cash, check, etc.) and to the appropriate authorized location (i.e., bank lock box, bank account, address of payee, etc.).

The schedule of Price Announcement Dates for January through March 2012 specifies the dates on which the Advanced Prices and Pricing Factors and the Class and Component Prices will be announced during the first three months of the year. This schedule along with the price announcements is located on the Dallas Market Administrator's website and can be accessed through the Internet at the following address: <http://www.dallasma.com>

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact this office.


Cary Hunter
Market Administrator

Enclosures (2)

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PAYMENT DUE DATES *
2012
SOUTHWEST MARKETING AREA
FEDERAL ORDER NO. 126

DESCRIPTION	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
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Handler Payments to Market Administrator

Final Payment	February 16	March 16	April 16	May 16	June 18	July 16	August 16	September 17	October 16	November 16	December 17	January 16, 2013
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Handler Payments to Non-Member Producers

Partial Payment	January 26	February 27	March 26	April 26	May 29	June 26	July 26	August 27	September 26	October 26	November 26	December 26
Final Payment	February 21	March 19	April 18	May 18	June 18	July 18	August 20	September 18	October 18	November 19	December 18	January 18, 2013

Handler Payments to Coops

Partial Payment	January 25	February 27	March 26	April 25	May 25	June 25	July 25	August 27	September 25	October 25	November 26	December 26
Final Payment	February 17	March 19	April 17	May 17	June 18	July 17	August 17	September 17	October 17	November 19	December 17	January 17, 2013

* Payments must be received on or before the due date or will be considered late. Due dates are with consideration for Saturday, Sunday, and national holidays.

Release Dates for 1st Quarter of 2012 Federal Milk Order Price Data 1/

Listed below are the release dates for the Federal milk order program for price data applicable to January through March 2012. The advanced prices and pricing factors will be released at 10:00 a.m. EST/EDST no later than the 23rd of the preceding month if that date is on a Friday; otherwise, the release date will be the nearest Friday before the 23rd. Likewise, the class and component prices will be released at 10:00 a.m. EST/EDST no later than the 5th of the following month if that date is on a Friday; otherwise the release date will be the nearest Friday before the 5th.

Month to Which Prices Apply	Advanced Prices and Pricing Factors		Class and Component Prices	
	Release Date	Time Period of NASS Prices <u>2/</u>	Release Date	Time Period of NASS Prices <u>2/</u>
January	Dec. 23, 2011	12/10, 17	Feb. 3, 2012	12/31, 1/7, 14, 21, 28
February	Jan. 20, 2012	1/7, 14	Mar. 2	2/4, 11, 18, 25
March	Feb. 17	2/4, 11	Mar. 30	3/3, 10, 17, 24
April	Mar. 23	3/10, 17		

1/ Based on NASS Publication calendar, there is no additional information available at this time (<http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/index.asp>).

2/ Weekly sales periods, ending on the indicated date, that are included in the applicable average. Information for the week usually is released by NASS on Friday of the following week.

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