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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
DAIRY PROGRAMS**

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SOUTHWEST MILK MARKETING AREA
Federal Order No. 126

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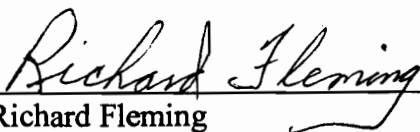
SUBJECT: **Payment Due Dates and Price Announcement Dates for 2006**

Enclosed with this letter is a Payment Due Date schedule and a Price Announcement Dates schedule. 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. Section 1126.71, .72, .73 states that 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 1 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 the year 2006 specifies the dates on which the Advanced Prices and Pricing Factors and the Class and Component Prices will be announced during the upcoming year. This schedule along with the price announcements is located on the United States Department of Agriculture, Dairy Programs website and can be accessed through the internet at the following address:

http://www.ams.usda.gov/dyfmos/mib/fedord_prc_annc.htm

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


Richard Fleming
Market Administrator

Enclosures (2)

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PAYMENT DUE DATES *
2006
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 17	May 16	June 16	July 17	August 16	September 18	October 16	November 16	December 18	January 16, 2007
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Handler Payments to Producers

Partial Payment	January 26	February 27	March 27	April 26	May 26	June 26	July 26	August 28	September 26	October 26	November 27	December 26
Final Payment	February 21	March 20	April 18	May 18	June 19	July 18	August 18	September 18	October 18	November 20	December 18	January 18, 2007

Handler Payments to Coops

Partial Payment	January 25	February 27	March 27	April 25	May 25	June 26	July 25	August 25	September 25	October 25	November 27	December 26
Final Payment	February 17	March 17	April 17	May 17	June 19	July 17	August 17	September 18	October 17	November 17	December 18	January 17, 2007

* 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 2006 Federal Milk Order Price Data

Listed below are the release dates for the Federal milk order program for price data applicable to January through December 2006. The advance pricing factors will be released on the Friday before the 23rd of the preceding month unless this date is a Friday. Likewise, the class and component prices will be released on the Friday before the 5th of the following month unless this date is a Friday. The release time for all release dates is 10:00 a.m. EST/EDST.

Month to Which Prices Apply	Advanced Prices and Pricing Factors		Class and Component Prices	
	Release Date	Time Period of NASS Prices <u>1/</u>	Release Date	Time Period of NASS Prices <u>1/</u>
January	Dec. 23, 2005	12/10, 17	Feb. 3, 2006	12/31, 1/7, 14, 21, 28
February	Jan. 20, 2006	1/7, 14	Mar. 3	2/4, 11, 18, 25
March	Feb. 17	2/4, 11	Mar. 31	3/4, 11, 18, 25
April	Mar. 17	3/4, 11	May 5	4/1, 8, 15, 22, 29
May	Apr. 21	4/8, 15	Jun. 2	5/6, 13, 20, 27
June	May 19	5/6, 13	Jun. 30	6/3, 10, 17, 24
July	Jun. 23	6/10, 17	Aug. 4	7/1, 8, 15, 22, 29
August	Jul. 21	7/8, 15	Sept. 1	8/5, 12, 19, 26
September	Aug. 18	8/5, 12	Sep. 29	9/2, 9, 16, 23
October	Sept. 22	9/9, 16	Nov. 3	9/30, 10/7, 14, 21, 28
November	Oct. 20	10/7, 14	Dec. 1	11/4, 11, 18, 25
December	Nov. 17	11/4, 11	Jan. 5, 2007	12/2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

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November 1, 2005