



November 20 Update

USDA Hearing on a California Federal Milk Marketing Order Concludes in

Fresno: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) hearing to consider a federal milk marketing order for California ended this week in Fresno, CA. The hearing began on September 22 and concluded at noon on November 18th. We thank everyone who participated in the USDA federal order hearing. There was strong testimony throughout the hearing from California dairy producers in unified support of proposal #1 put forward by the state's cooperatives California Dairies, Inc., Dairy Farmers of America, Inc., and Land O'Lakes, Inc. The close of the hearing concludes **Step 5** in the **12 step process** to establish a federal milk marketing order in California. At the close of the hearing the administrative law judge presiding over the hearing outlined the next several steps in the process.

Step 6: January 1, 2016 - Transcript of the hearing will be available

Step 7: January 15, 2016 – Corrections to the record submitted by counsel for proposals #1 (Dairy Cooperatives) and #2 (Dairy Institute)

February 5, 2016 other parties submit corrections to the hearing record

Transcript certified no later than March 1, 2016

Step 8: March 31, 2016 - opening brief filed by counsel for proposals #1 and #2

May 16, 2016 - reply briefs filed – anyone is welcome to file a reply brief

We will continue to provide updates as the process to establish a federal milk marketing order in California moves forward.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Merced Meeting: Our Merced meeting was a great success again this year. On Thursday evening, we had a great crowd and an excellent discussion of all the latest issues at the Branding Iron Restaurant in Merced. We talked about the USDA federal order hearing and the next steps in that process, trade policy, meat labeling, ethanol policy reform and other important issues.



Upcoming Annual Meeting:

**CDC / CFU Joint Annual Meeting set to take place
On Friday, January 22, 2016 in Tulare at the TDES Hall**

Located at 515 N I St, Tulare, CA

*Plan to participate to hear the latest on dairy and agriculture policy
and set our policy priorities for 2016!*

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