

(3) As long as the Dairy Research and Promotion Order is in effect, paragraph (b)(4) of this section shall apply in lieu of this paragraph. After the end of each calendar quarter, make a refund to each producer who has made application for such refund pursuant to §1065.120. Such refund shall be that amount which was obtained pursuant to §1065.107 for each calendar quarter.

(4) As long as the Dairy Research and Promotion Order is in effect, remit to any qualified programs any refunds designated by producers to be paid to such programs no later than the last day of the month following the month in which the milk was marketed. If a refund request does not designate a qualified program to receive such money, the refund shall be remitted to the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board, which is defined in the Dairy Research and Promotion Order.

(c) Promptly after the effective date of this amending order, and thereafter with respect to new producers, forward to each producer a copy of the provisions of the advertising and promotion program (§§1065.105 through 1065.122).

(d) Make necessary audits to establish that all agency funds are used only for authorized purposes.

(e) [Reserved]

(f) As soon as possible after the rate of withholding is computed, notify in writing each producer currently on the market and any new producer that subsequently enters the market of the withholding rate. This notification shall be repeated annually thereafter only if there is any change in the rate from the previous period.

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§1065.122 Liquidation.

In the event that the provisions of this advertising and promotion program are terminated, any remaining uncommitted funds applicable thereto shall revert to the producer-settlement fund of §1065.70.

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Subpart—Order Regulating Handling

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1068.1 General Provisions

The terms, definitions, and provisions in part 1000 of this chapter are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this order.

DEFINITIONS

§ 1068.2 Upper Midwest marketing area.

Upper Midwest marketing area (referred to in this part as the "marketing area") means all territory within the boundaries listed below including all territory that is now, or in the future, occupied by government (municipal, State, or Federal) reservations, installations, institutions, or other similar establishments if any part of such territory is within the designated geographical limits of the marketing area:

- (a) The State of Minnesota, except the counties of Lincoln, Nobles, Pipestone, and Rock.
- (b) In the State of Wisconsin, the counties of:

Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau, Washburn.

- (c) In the State of North Dakota, the counties of:

Barnes, Cass, Cavalier, Dickey, Grand Forks, Griggs, La Moure, Nelson, Pembina, Ramsey, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, Traill, Walsh.

- (d) In the State of South Dakota, the counties of:

Brown, Day, Edmunds, Grant, Marshall, McPherson, Roberts, Walworth.

- (e) In the State of Iowa, the counties of:

Howard, Kossuth, Mitchell (except the city of Osage), Winnebago, Winneshiek, Worth.

§ 1068.3 Route disposition.

Route disposition means any delivery (including any delivery by a vendor or disposition at a plant store or through a vending machine) of a fluid milk product classified as Class I milk, other than a delivery to a plant.

§ 1068.4 Plant.

Plant means the land, buildings, facilities, and equipment constituting a single operating unit or establishment at which milk or milk products (including filled milk) are received, processed, or packaged. Separate facilities used only as a distribution point for storing packaged fluid milk products in transit for route disposition or separate facilities used only as a reload point for transferring bulk milk from one tank truck to another shall not be a "plant" under this definition.

§ 1068.7 Pool plant.

Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this section, pool plant means:

- (a) Any plant (which, if qualified pursuant to this paragraph, shall be known as a "pool distributing plant") from which during the month:

(1) The total route disposition (except filled milk) as a percent of the total Grade A fluid milk products received in bulk form at such plant or diverted therefrom by the plant operator is at least equal to the marketwide Class I utilization percentage for the same month of the preceding year; and

(2) Not less than 15 percent of such receipts are disposed of as route disposition (except filled milk) in the marketing area.

(3) A unit consisting of at least one pool distributing plant and one or more additional plants of a handler shall be considered as one plant for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this paragraph, subject to the following conditions:

(i) For each plant within the unit which does not qualify as a pool distributing plant pursuant to paragraphs (a) (1) and (2) of this section, the combined disposition of skim milk and butterfat in products specified in §1068.40(a), §1068.40(b)(1) in packaged form, and §1068.40(b)(4)(i) is 50 percent or more of the total Grade A fluid milk products received in bulk form at such plant or diverted therefrom by the plant operator;

(ii) All plants within the unit are located within the marketing area; and

(iii) The operator of the unit has filed a written request with the market administrator prior to the first day of the month for which such status is desired to be effective. The unit shall continue from month-to-month thereafter without further notification. The handler shall notify the market administrator in writing prior to the first day of any month for which termination or any change of the unit is desired.

(b) Any plant (which, if qualified pursuant to this paragraph, shall be known as a "pool supply plant") that is approved by a duly constituted regulatory agency for the handling of Grade A milk, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The volume of fluid milk products delivered to pool distributing plants as a percent of the total Grade A milk received at the plant from dairy farmers during the month (including milk delivered to the plant from dairy farms for the account of a cooperative association and milk diverted from the plant by the plant operator but excluding milk diverted to the plant from another pool plant) is not less than the marketwide Class I utilization percentage for the same month of the preceding year, subject to the following conditions:

(i) These shipping percentages may be increased or decreased by the market administrator if the market administrator finds that such revision is necessary to encourage needed shipments

or to prevent uneconomic shipments. Before making such a finding, the market administrator shall investigate the need for revision either on the market administrator's own initiative or at the request of interested parties. If the investigation shows that a revision of the shipping percentage might be appropriate, the market administrator shall issue a notice stating that the revision is being considered and invite data, views, and arguments. Any request for revision of shipping percentages shall be filed with the market administrator no later than the 15th day of the month prior to the month for which the requested revision is desired effective;

(ii) A cooperative association that operates a supply plant may include as qualifying shipments its deliveries to pool distributing plants directly from farms of producers pursuant to §1068.9(c);

(iii) A proprietary handler may include as qualifying shipments milk diverted to pool distributing plants pursuant to §1068.13(d);

(2) In order to meet the requirements of this paragraph, two or more supply plants operated by one or more handler(s) may qualify for pooling as a unit during the following months of August through July by meeting the applicable percentage requirements of this paragraph in the same manner as a single plant, provided that:

(i) The handler(s) file a request with the market administrator for such unit status no later than July 15 of each year. Such a request should specify the order in which plants would cease to be considered part of the unit if the unit fails to meet the applicable percentage requirements of this paragraph. Any plant that ceases to be part of a unit will not be eligible to rejoin a unit until the following August. No plant may become part of a unit after the unit is formed and the market administrator has been notified; and

(ii) Each handler operating supply plant(s) for which the shipping percentages are met as part of a unit must ship at least 5 percent of the Grade A milk received at its plant(s) from dairy farmers during the month (including milk delivered to the handler's plant(s) from dairy farms for the account of a

cooperative association pursuant to §1068.9(c) and milk diverted from the plant(s) by the plant operator but excluding milk diverted to the plant(s) from another pool plant) to pool distributing plant(s) in one of the months of August through December in order for the handler's plant(s) to be a supply plant(s) for the month of December; and

(iii) Each plant in the unit is located in the marketing area, or was a pool plant pursuant to §1068.7(b) for each of the three months immediately preceding the effective date of this paragraph so long as it continues to maintain pool status.

(3) The quantity of fluid milk products moved from a supply plant to a pool distributing plant or pool distributing plant unit that shall count toward meeting the shipping requirements of paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section shall be a net quantity which shall exclude the pounds by which the quantity specified in paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this section exceeds the quantity specified in paragraph (b)(3)(ii) of this section:

(i) The pounds of bulk fluid milk products transferred from the pool distributing plant or pool distributing plant unit during the month that are not to another pool distributing plant or pool distributing plant unit or to a commercial food processing establishment pursuant to §1068.40(b)(3).

(ii) 1,000,000 pounds.

(c) Any plant that qualified as a pool plant in each of the immediately preceding three months on the basis of performance standards described in paragraphs (a) or (b) of this section.

(d) Any plant (which, if qualified pursuant to this paragraph, shall be known as a "pool reserve supply plant") that is located in the marketing area and that is approved by a duly constituted regulatory agency for the handling of Grade A milk, subject to the following conditions:

(1)–(2) [Reserved]

(3) The operator of the plan has filed a request with the market administrator for pool reserve supply status no later than July 15 of each year. Once qualified as a pool plant pursuant to this paragraph, such status shall be effective for August and continue

through the following July unless the operator requests nonpool status for the plant prior to the first day of the month for which nonpool status is requested, the plant subsequently fails to meet all of the conditions of this paragraph, or the plant qualifies as a pool plant under another order;

(4) The volume of bulk fluid milk products shipped from the plant to pool distributing plants as a percent of the total Grade A milk received at the plant from dairy farmers during the month (including milk delivered to the plant from dairy farms for the account of a cooperative association pursuant to §1068.9(c) and milk diverted from the plant by the plant operator but excluding milk diverted to the plant from another pool plant) is not less than 10 percent for each of the months of January through June and, for each of the months of July through December, is not less than the marketwide Class I utilization percentage for the same month of the preceding year, subject to the following conditions:

(i) These shipping percentages may be decreased by the market administrator on the basis that such revision is necessary to prevent uneconomic shipments. Before making such a finding, the market administrator shall investigate the need for revision either on the market administrator's own initiative or at the request of interested persons. If the investigation shows that a revision of the shipping percentage might be appropriate, the market administrator shall issue a notice stating that the revision is being considered and invite data, views, and arguments. Any request for revision of shipping percentages shall be filed with the market administrator no later than the 15th day of the month prior to the month for which the requested revision is desired effective;

(ii) A cooperative association that operates a reserve supply plant may include as qualifying shipments its deliveries to pool distributing plants directly from farms of producers pursuant to §1068.9(c);

(iii) A proprietary handler may include as qualifying shipments milk diverted to pool distributing plants pursuant to §1068.13(d);

(iv) Shipments from a reserve supply plant to a distributing plant regulated under another Federal order may count as if delivered to a pool distributing plant if the market administrator is notified of the amount of any such commitments to ship milk no later than the fifteenth day of the prior month. Total credit for shipments to plants regulated under other Federal orders shall be limited to the quantity of milk delivered from the plant to pool distributing plants during the month. Qualifying shipments to an other order plant may not be classified pursuant to §1068.42(b)(3).

(5) The operator of the plant supplies fluid milk products to pool distributing plants located within an area designated by the market administrator as the "call area" in compliance with any announcement by the market administrator requesting a minimum level of shipments, as further provided below:

(i) The market administrator may require such supplies of fluid milk products from operators of any pool reserve supply plants within the call area whenever he finds that milk supplies for Class I use at pool distributing plants within the call area are needed from plants qualifying under this paragraph. Before making such a finding, the market administrator shall investigate the need for such shipments either on his own initiative or at the request of interested persons. If his investigation shows that such shipments might be appropriate, he shall issue a notice stating that a shipping announcement is being considered and inviting data, views, and arguments with respect to the proposed shipping announcement;

(ii) For the purpose of meeting any shipping requirement announced by the market administrator;

(A) Qualifying shipments to pool distributing plants within the call area may originate from any plant or producer milk supplies of the handler provided that shipments from sources other than the plant(s) subject to the call and milk supplies for which a cooperative association is the handler pursuant to §1068.9(c) must be in addition to any shipments already being made by the handler and may not re-

sult from shifting milk supplies from a pool distributing plant outside the call area to one within the call area; and

(B) Shipments from a reserve supply plant within the call area to a pool distributing plant outside the call area or to a comparable plant regulated under another Federal order may count as if delivered to a pool distributing plant within the call area if the market administrator is notified of the amount of any such commitments to ship milk prior to announcement of a shipping requirement pursuant to this paragraph. Total credit for shipments to plants regulated under other Federal orders shall be limited to the quantity of milk delivered from the plant to pool distributing plants during the month. Qualifying shipments to an other order plant may not be classified pursuant to §1068.42(b)(3); and

(iii) Failure of a handler to comply with any announced shipping requirement pursuant to §1068.7(d)(5), including making any significant change in his marketing operations that the market administrator determines has the impact of evading or forcing such an announcement, shall result in immediate loss of pool status for the plant pursuant to §1068.7(d). A plant losing pool status in this manner or a plant that requests nonpool status may not again qualify as a pool plant pursuant to §1068.7(d) until the following August;

(6) In order to meet the requirements of paragraphs (d)(4) and (d)(5) of this section, two or more reserve supply plants operated by one or more handler(s) may qualify for pooling as a unit during the following months of August through July by meeting the applicable percentage requirements of this paragraph in the same manner as a single plant, provided that:

(i) The handler(s) file a request with the market administrator for such unit status no later than July 15 of each year. Such a request should specify the order in which the plants would cease to be considered part of the unit if the unit fails to meet the applicable percentage requirements of §1068.7(d) (4) and (5). Any plant that ceases to be part of a unit will not be eligible to rejoin a unit until the following August. No plant may become part of a unit

after the unit is formed and the market administrator has been notified; and

(ii) Each handler operating reserve supply plant(s) for which the shipping percentages in §1068.7(d)(4) are met as part of a unit described in §1068.7(d)(6) must ship at least 5 percent of the Grade A milk received at its plant(s) from dairy farmers during the month (including milk delivered to the handler's plant(s) from dairy farms for the account of a cooperative association pursuant to §1068.9(c) and milk diverted from the plant(s) by the plant operator but excluding milk diverted to the plant(s) from another pool plant) to pool distributing plants in one of the months of August through December in order for the handler's plant(s) to be a reserve supply plant(s) for the month of December.

(7) The quantity of fluid milk products moved from the reserve supply plant to a pool distributing plant or pool distributing plant unit that shall count toward meeting the shipping requirements of paragraphs (d)(4), (d)(5), and (d)(6) of this section shall be a net quantity which shall exclude the pounds by which the quantity specified in paragraph (d)(7)(i) of this section exceeds the quantity specified in paragraph (d)(7)(ii) of this section.

(i) The pounds of bulk fluid milk products transferred from the pool distributing plant or pool distributing plant unit during the month that were not to another pool distributing plant or pool distributing plant unit or to a commercial food processing establishment pursuant to §1068.40(b)(3).

(ii) 1,000,000 pounds.

(8) A plant must have been a pool plant under this order pursuant to §1068.7 (a), (b) or (d) during each of the preceding months of August through December to be a pool reserve supply plant during the following months of January through July.

(e) The term "pool plant" shall not apply to the following plants:

(1) A producer-handler plant;

(2) A governmental agency plant;

(3) A plant qualified as a pool plant pursuant to this section if the conditions of paragraph (e)(3) (i) and (ii) of this section are met. Such plant shall be exempt from the provisions of this part except for reports that may be re-

quired pursuant to §1068.30(d) and verification of such reports by the market administrator in accordance with §1000.5 of this chapter:

(i) The Secretary determines that a greater quantity of milk in fluid form is disposed of from such plant to a regulated marketing area as defined in another order issued pursuant to the Act either as route disposition, excluding filled milk, or to other order plants qualified on the basis of route disposition, than is disposed of from such plant in the Upper Midwest marketing area either as route disposition, excluding filled milk, or to pool plants qualified on the basis of route disposition; and

(ii) Such milk would be subject to the class price and producer payment provisions of the other marketing agreement or order upon being made exempt from this part; and

(4) That portion of a plant that is physically separated from the Grade A portion of such plant, is operated separately, and is not approved by any regulatory agency for the receiving, processing, or packaging of any fluid milk product for Grade A disposition.

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§ 1068.8 Nonpool plant.

Nonpool plant means any milk or filled milk receiving, manufacturing, or processing plant other than a pool plant. The following categories of nonpool plants are further defined as follows:

(a) *Other order plant* means a plant that is fully subject to the pricing and pooling provisions of another order issued pursuant to the Act.

(b) *Producer-handler plant* means a plant operated by a producer-handler as defined in any order (including this part) issued pursuant to the Act.

(c) *Partially regulated distributing plant* means a nonpool plant that is neither an other order plant nor a producer-handler plant, from which Grade A milk or filled milk is disposed of as route disposition in the marketing area during the month.

(d) *Unregulated supply plant* means a nonpool plant that is neither an other order plant nor a producer-handler

plant, from which fluid milk products are shipped during the month to a pool plant.

(e) *Governmental agency plant* means a plant owned and operated by a government institution which disposes of Class I milk in the marketing area. Such plant shall be exempt from all provisions of this part.

§ 1068.9 Handler.

Handler means:

(a) Any person in his capacity as the operator of a pool plant;

(b) Any cooperative association with respect to milk of a producer that is diverted for the account of the cooperative association from a pool plant in accordance with § 1068.13;

(c) Any cooperative association with respect to milk that it receives for its account from the farm of a producer for delivery to a pool plant in a tank truck owned and operated by, or under the control of, such cooperative association, unless both the cooperative association and the operator of the pool plant notify the market administrator prior to the time that such milk is delivered to the pool plant that the plant operator will be the handler for such milk and will purchase such milk on the basis of weights determined from its measurement at the farm and butterfat tests determined from farm bulk tank samples. Milk for which the cooperative association is the handler pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed to have been received by the cooperative association at the location of the pool plant to which such milk is delivered;

(d) Any person in his capacity as the operator of a partially regulated distributing plant;

(e) Any person who is a producer-handler;

(f) Any person in his capacity as the operator of an other order plant; and

(g) Any person in his capacity as the operator of an unregulated supply plant.

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§ 1068.10 Producer-handler.

Producer-handler means any person who meets all of the following conditions:

(a) Operates a dairy farm and a distribution plant at which Grade A milk of his own production is processed and packaged, and from which there is route disposition in the marketing area;

(b) Receives no milk or fluid milk products at his plant (or at any distribution facility, including routes, operated by him, an affiliate, or any person who controls or is controlled by him) from the farms of other dairy farmers nor from any other source, except receipts of not more than 50,000 pounds of fluid milk products during the month from pool plants of other handlers or from other order plants;

(c) Receives no nonfluid milk products from any source for use in reconstituting fluid milk products; and

(d) The maintenance, care, and management of the dairy animals and other resources necessary to produce such milk and the processing of such milk are the personal enterprise, and the personal risk, of such person.

§ 1068.12 Producer.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, *producer* means any person who produces milk approved by a duly constituted regulatory agency for disposition as Grade A milk and whose milk is:

(1) Received at a pool plant directly from such person;

(2) Received by a handler described in § 1068.9(c); or

(3) Diverted from a pool plant in accordance with § 1068.13.

(b) "Producer" shall not include:

(1) A producer-handler as defined in any order (including this part) issued pursuant to the Act;

(2) Any person with respect to milk produced by him that is diverted to a pool plant from an other order plant if the other order designates such person as a producer under that order and such milk is allocated to Class II or Class III utilization pursuant to § 1068.44(a)(8)(iii) and the corresponding step of § 1068.44(b);

(3) Any person with respect to milk produced by him that is reported as diverted to an other order plant if any portion of such person's milk so moved is assigned to Class I under the provisions of such other order; and

(4) Any government institution which produces milk in conjunction with the operation of a plant exempt from all provisions of this part pursuant to § 1068.8(e).

§ 1068.13 Producer milk.

Producer milk means the skim milk and butterfat in milk of a producer that is:

(a) Received at a pool plant directly from such producer by the operator of the plant;

(b) Received by a handler described in § 1068.9(c);

(c) Picked up from the producer's farm tank in a tank truck owned and operated by, or under the control of, the operator of a pool plant but which is not received at a plant until the following month. Such milk shall be considered as having been received by the handler during the month in which it is picked up at the producer's farm and shall be priced at the location of the plant where it is physically received in the following month. This paragraph shall apply in like manner to milk received by the operator of a pool plant who, in accordance with § 1068.9(c), is the handler for such milk;

(d) Diverted from the pool plant of a proprietary handler for the account of the handler operating such plant to another pool plant or diverted from a pool plant to a nonpool plant (other than a producer-handler plant) for the account of the handler operating such pool plant or for the account of a handler described in § 1068.9(b), subject to the following conditions:

(1) Milk of a dairy farmer shall not be eligible for diversion until milk of such dairy farmer is physically received as producer milk at a pool plant;

(2) The total quantity of milk diverted by a cooperative association during the month as a percent of the producer milk that the cooperative association causes to be delivered to or diverted from pool plants during the month shall not exceed the market's combined Class II and III utilization percentage for the same month of the prior year;

(3) The operator of a pool plant that is not a cooperative association may divert any milk that is not under the control of a cooperative association

that diverts milk pursuant to paragraph (d)(2) of this section. The total quantity of milk so diverted during the month as a percent of the producer milk physically received at or diverted from such pool plant during the month that is eligible to be diverted by the plant operator shall not exceed the market's combined Class II and III utilization percentage for the same month of the prior year;

(4) The diversion limitations specified in paragraphs (d)(2) and (d)(3) of this section may be increased or decreased by the market administrator on the basis that such revision is necessary to prevent uneconomic handling or shipments of milk. Before making such a finding, the market administrator shall investigate the need for revision either on the market administrator's own initiative or at the request of interested persons. If the investigation shows that a revision might be appropriate, the market administrator shall issue a notice stating that the revision is being considered and invite data, views, and arguments. Any request for revision of diversion limitations shall be filed with the market administrator no later than the 15th day of the month prior to the month for which the requested revision is desired effective;

(5) Any milk diverted in excess of the limits prescribed in paragraph (d) (2) and (3) of this section shall not be producer milk. The diverting handler may designate the dairy farmers whose diverted milk will not be producer milk, otherwise the milk last diverted—in lots of an entire day's production—shall be excluded first in determining which milk should not be producer milk; and

(6) Diverted milk shall be priced at the location of the plant to which diverted.

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§ 1068.14 Other source milk.

Other source milk means all skim milk and butterfat contained in or represented by:

(a) Receipts of fluid milk products and bulk products specified in § 1068.40(b)(1) from any source other

than producers, handlers described in § 1068.9(c), or pool plants;

(b) Receipts in packaged form from other plants of products specified in § 1068.40(b)(1);

(c) Products (other than fluid milk products, products specified in § 1068.40(b)(1), and products produced at the plant during the same month) from any source which are reprocessed, converted into, or combined with another product in the plant during the month; and

(d) Receipts of any milk product (other than a fluid milk product or a product specified in § 1068.40(b)(1)) for which the handler fails to establish a disposition.

§ 1068.15 Fluid milk product.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section *fluid milk product* means any milk products in fluid or frozen form containing less than 9 percent butterfat, that are in bulk or are packaged, distributed and intended to be used as beverages. Such products include, but are not limited to: Milk, skim milk, lowfat milk, milk drinks, buttermilk, and filled milk, including any such beverage products that are flavored, cultured, modified with added nonfat milk solids, sterilized, concentrated (to not more than 50 percent total milk solids), or reconstituted.

(b) The term *fluid milk product* shall not include:

(1) Plain or sweetened evaporated milk, plain or sweetened evaporated skim milk, sweetened condensed milk or skim milk, formulas especially prepared for infant feeding or dietary use that are packaged in hermetically sealed containers, any product that contains by weight less than 6.5 percent nonfat milk solids, and whey; and

(2) The quantity of skim milk in any modified product specified in paragraph (a) of this section that is in excess of the quantity of skim milk in an equal volume of an unmodified product of the same nature and butterfat content.

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§ 1068.16 Fluid cream product.

Fluid cream product means cream (other than plastic cream or frozen cream), including sterilized cream, or a

mixture of cream and milk or skim milk containing 9 percent or more butterfat, with or without the addition of other ingredients.

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§ 1068.17 Filled milk.

Filled milk means any combination of nonmilk fat (or oil) with skim milk (whether fresh, cultured, reconstituted, or modified by the addition of nonfat milk solids), with or without milkfat, so that the product (including stabilizers, emulsifiers, or flavoring) resembles milk or any other fluid milk product, and contains less than 6 percent nonmilk fat (or oil).

§ 1068.18 Cooperative association.

Cooperative association means any cooperative marketing association of producers which the Secretary determines, after application by the association:

(a) Is qualified under the provisions of the Act of Congress of February 18, 1922, as amended, known as the "Capper-Volstead Act;"

(b) Has full authority in the sale of milk of its members and is engaged in making collective sales of or marketing milk or its products for its members; and

(c) Has its entire activities under the control of its members.

§ 1068.19 Commercial food processing establishment.

Commercial food processing establishment means any facility other than a milk or filled milk plant, to which bulk fluid milk products and bulk fluid cream products are disposed of, or producer milk is diverted, that uses such receipts as ingredients in food products and has no disposition of fluid milk products or fluid cream products other than those received in consumer-type packages. Producer milk diverted to commercial food processing establishments shall be subject to the same provisions relating to diversions to plants, including but not limited to, provisions in §§ 1068.13, 1068.41 and 1068.52.

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HANDLER REPORTS

§ 1068.30 Reports of receipts and utilization.

On or before the 10th day after the end of each month, each handler shall report for such month to the market administrator, in the detail and on the forms prescribed by the market administrator, as follows:

(a) Each handler described in § 1068.9 (a), (b), and (c) shall report for each of its operations the following information:

(1) Product pounds, pounds of butterfat, pounds of protein, pounds of solids-not-fat other than protein (other solids), and the value of the somatic cell adjustment contained in or represented by:

(i) Receipts of producer milk, including producer milk diverted by the handler; and

(ii) Receipts of milk from handlers described in § 1068.9(c);

(2) Product pounds and pounds of butterfat contained in:

(i) Receipts by transfer or diversion of bulk fluid milk products from pool plants;

(ii) Receipts of fluid milk products not included in paragraph (a)(1) or (a)(2)(i) of this section and bulk fluid cream products from any source;

(iii) Receipts of other source milk; and

(iv) Inventories at the beginning and end of the month of fluid milk products and products specified in § 1068.40(b)(1);

(3) The utilization or disposition of all milk, filled milk, and milk products required to be reported pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section; and

(4) Such other information with respect to the receipts and utilization of skim milk, butterfat, milk protein, other nonfat solids, and somatic cell information, as the market administrator may prescribe.

(b) Each handler operating a partially regulated distributing plant shall report with respect to such plant in the same manner as prescribed for reports required by paragraph (a) of this section. Receipts of milk that would have been producer milk if the plant had been fully regulated shall be reported in lieu of producer milk. Such report shall show also the quantity of

any reconstituted skim milk in route disposition in the marketing area.

(c) Each handler not specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall report with respect to its receipts and utilization of milk, filled milk, and milk products in such manner as the market administrator may prescribe.

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§ 1068.31 Payroll reports.

(a) On or before the 22nd day of each month, each handler described in § 1068.9 (a), (b), and (c) shall report to the market administrator its producer payroll for such month, in the detail prescribed by the market administrator, showing for each producer the information described in § 1068.73(f).

(b) Each handler operating a partially regulated distributing plant who elects to make payment pursuant to § 1068.76(b) shall report for each dairy farmer who would have been a producer if the plant had been fully regulated in the same manner as prescribed for reports required by paragraph (a) of this section.

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§ 1068.32 Other reports.

In addition to the reports required pursuant to §§ 1068.30 and 1068.31, the following shall be reported to the market administrator:

(a) Each handler specified in § 1068.9(g) who operates an unregulated supply plant shall report as required in § 1068.30, except that the receipts of skim milk and butterfat in Grade A milk shall be reported in lieu of those in producer milk.

(b) Each handler shall report such other information as the market administrator deems necessary to verify or establish such handler's obligation under the order.

CLASSIFICATION OF MILK

§ 1068.40 Classes of utilization.

Except as provided in § 1068.42, all skim milk and butterfat required to be reported by a handler pursuant to § 1068.30 shall be classified as follows:

(a) *Class I milk.* Class I milk shall be all skim milk and butterfat:

(1) Disposed of in the form of a fluid milk product, except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section;

(2) In packaged fluid milk products in inventory at the end of the month; and

(3) Not specifically accounted for as Class II or Class III milk.

(b) *Class II milk.* Class II milk shall be all skim milk and butterfat:

(1) Disposed of in the form of a fluid cream product or any product containing artificial fat, fat substitutes, or 6 percent or more nonmilk fat (or oil) that resembles a fluid cream product, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of this section;

(2) In packaged inventory at the end of the month of the products specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section and in bulk concentrated fluid milk products in inventory at the end of the month;

(3) In bulk fluid milk products and bulk fluid cream products disposed of or diverted to a commercial food processor if the market administrator is permitted to audit the records of the commercial food processing establishment for the purpose of verification. Otherwise, such uses shall be Class I;

(4) Used to produce:

(i) Cottage cheese, lowfat cottage cheese, dry curd cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, pot cheese, Creole cheese, and any similar soft, high-moisture cheese resembling cottage cheese in form or use;

(ii) Milkshake and ice milk mixes (or bases), frozen desserts, and frozen dessert mixes distributed in one-quart containers or larger and intended to be used in soft or semi-solid form;

(iii) Aerated cream, frozen cream, sour cream and sour half-and-half, sour cream mixtures containing nonmilk items, yogurt and any other semi-solid product resembling a Class II product;

(iv) Eggnog, custards, puddings, pancake mixes, buttermilk biscuit mixes, coatings, batter, and similar products;

(v) Formulas especially prepared for infant feeding or dietary use (meal replacement) that are packaged in hermetically sealed containers;

(vi) Candy, soup, bakery products and other prepared foods which are proc-

essed for general distribution to the public, and intermediate products, including sweetened condensed milk, to be used in processing such prepared food products; and

(vii) Any product not otherwise specified in this section.

(c) *Class III milk.* Class III milk shall be all skim milk and butterfat:

(1) Used to produce:

(i) Cream cheese and other spreadable cheeses, and hard cheeses of types that may be shredded, grated, or crumbled, and are not included in paragraph (b)(4)(i) of this section;

(ii) Butter, plastic cream, anhydrous milkfat and butteroil;

(iii) Any milk product in dry form, except nonfat dry milk;

(iv) Evaporated or sweetened condensed milk in a consumer-type package and evaporated or sweetened condensed skim milk in a consumer-type package; and

(2) In inventory at the end of the month of unconcentrated fluid milk products in bulk form and products specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section in bulk form;

(3) In fluid milk products, products specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, and products processed by the disposing handler that are specified in paragraphs (b)(4) (i) through (iv) of this section, that are disposed of by a handler for animal feed;

(4) In fluid milk products, products specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, and products processed by the disposing handler that are specified in paragraphs (b)(4) (i) through (iv) of this section, that are dumped by a handler. The market administrator may require notification by the handler of such dumping in advance for the purpose of having the opportunity to verify such disposition. In any case, classification under this paragraph requires a handler to maintain adequate records of such use. If advance notification of such dumping is not possible, or if the market administrator so requires, the handler must notify the market administrator on the next business day following such use;

(5) In fluid milk products and products specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section that are destroyed or lost by a handler in a vehicular accident,

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flood, fire, or in a similar occurrence beyond the handler's control, to the extent that the quantities destroyed or lost can be verified from records satisfactory to the market administrator;

(6) In skim milk in any modified fluid milk product or in any product specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section that is in excess of the quantity of skim milk in such product that was included within the fluid milk product definition pursuant to §1068.15 and the fluid cream product definition pursuant to §1068.16; and

(7) In shrinkage assigned pursuant to §1068.41(a) to the receipts specified in §1068.41(a)(2) and in shrinkage specified in §1068.41 (b) and (c).

(d) *Class III-A milk.* Class III-A milk shall be all skim milk and butterfat used to produce nonfat dry milk.

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§ 1068.41 Shrinkage.

For purposes of classifying all skim milk and butterfat to be reported by a handler pursuant to §1068.30, the market administrator shall determine the following:

(a) The pro rata assignment of shrinkage of skim milk and butterfat, respectively, at each pool plant to the respective quantities of skim milk and butterfat:

(1) In the receipts specified in paragraph (b) (1) through (6) of this section on which shrinkage is allowed pursuant to such paragraph; and

(2) In other source milk not specified in paragraph (b) (1) through (6) of this section which was received in the form of a bulk fluid milk product or a bulk fluid cream product;

(b) The shrinkage of skim milk and butterfat, respectively, assigned pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section to the receipts specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section that is not in excess of:

(1) Two percent of the skim milk and butterfat, respectively, in producer milk (excluding milk diverted by the plant operator to another plant);

(2) Plus 1.5 percent of the skim milk and butterfat, respectively, in milk received from a handler described in §1068.9(c) and in milk diverted to such plant from another pool plant, except

that, in either case, if the operator of the plant to which the milk is delivered purchases such milk on the basis of weights determined from its measurement at the farm and butterfat tests determined from farm bulk tank samples, the applicable percentage under this subparagraph shall be 2 percent;

(3) Plus 0.5 percent of the skim milk and butterfat, respectively, in producer milk diverted from such plant by the plant operator to another plant, except that if the operator of the plant to which the milk is delivered purchases such milk on the basis of weights determined from its measurement at the farm and butterfat tests determined from farm bulk tank samples, the applicable percentage under this subparagraph shall be zero;

(4) Plus 1.5 percent of the skim milk and butterfat, respectively, in bulk fluid milk products received by transfer from other pool plants;

(5) Plus 1.5 percent of the skim milk and butterfat, respectively, in bulk fluid milk products received by transfer from other order plants, excluding the quantity for which Class II or Class III classification is requested by the operators of both plants;

(6) Plus 1.5 percent of the skim milk and butterfat, respectively, in bulk fluid milk products received from unregulated supply plants, excluding the quantity for which Class II or Class III classification is requested by the handler; and

(7) Less 1.5 percent of the skim milk and butterfat, respectively, in bulk fluid milk products transferred to other plants that is not in excess of the respective amounts of skim milk and butterfat to which percentages are applied in paragraph (b) (1), (2), (4), (5), and (6) of this section; and

(c) The quantity of skim milk and butterfat, respectively, in shrinkage of milk from producers for which a cooperative association is the handler pursuant to §1068.9 (b) or (c), but not in excess of 0.5 percent of the skim milk and butterfat, respectively, in such milk. If the operator of the plant to which the milk is delivered purchases such milk on the basis of weights determined from its measurement at the farm and butterfat tests determined from farm

bulk tank samples, the applicable percentage under this paragraph for the cooperative association shall be zero.

§ 1068.42 Classification of transfers and diversions.

(a) *Transfers and diversions to pool plants.* Skim milk or butterfat transferred or diverted in the form of a fluid milk product or a bulk fluid cream product from a pool plant to another pool plant shall be classified as Class I milk unless both handlers request the same classification in another class. In either case, the classification of such transfers or diversions shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) The skim milk or butterfat classified in each class shall be limited to the amount of skim milk and butterfat, respectively, remaining in such class at the transferee-plant or divertee-plant after the computations pursuant to § 1068.44(a)(12) and the corresponding step of § 1068.44(b). The amount of skim milk or butterfat classified in each class shall include the assigned utilization of skim milk or butterfat in transfers of concentrated fluid milk products;

(2) If the transferor-plant or divertor-plant received during the month other source milk to be allocated pursuant to § 1068.44(a)(7) or the corresponding step of § 1068.44(b), the skim milk or butterfat so transferred or diverted shall be classified so as to allocate the least possible Class I utilization to such other source milk; and

(3) If the transferor-handler or divertor-handler received during the month other source milk to be allocated pursuant to § 1068.44(a)(11) or (12) of the corresponding steps of § 1068.44(b), the skim milk or butterfat so transferred or diverted up to the total of the skim milk, shall not be classified as Class I milk to a greater extent than would be the case if the other source milk had been received at the transferee-plant or divertee-plant.

(b) *Transfers and diversions to other order plants.* Skim milk or butterfat transferred or diverted in the form of a fluid milk product or a bulk fluid cream product from a pool plant to an other order plant shall be classified in the following manner. Such classification shall apply only to the skim milk

or butterfat that is in excess of any receipts at the pool plant from the other order plant of skim milk and butterfat, respectively, in fluid milk products and bulk fluid cream products, respectively, that are in the same category as described in paragraph (b)(1), (2), or (3) of this section:

(1) If transferred as packaged fluid milk products, classification shall be in the classes to which allocated as a fluid milk product under the other order;

(2) If transferred in bulk form, classification shall be in the classes to which allocated under the other order (including allocation under the conditions set forth in paragraph (b)(3) of this section);

(3) If the operators of both plants so request in their reports of receipts and utilization filed with their respective market administrators, transfers or diversions in bulk form shall be classified as Class II or Class III milk to the extent of such utilization available for such classification pursuant to the allocation provisions of the other order;

(4) If information concerning the classes to which such transfers or diversions were allocated under the other order is not available to the market administrator for the purpose of establishing classification under this paragraph, classification shall be as Class I, subject to adjustment when such information is available;

(5) For purposes of this paragraph, if the other order provides for a different number of classes of utilization than is provided for under this part, skim milk or butterfat allocated to a class consisting primarily of fluid milk products shall be classified as Class I milk, and skim milk or butterfat allocated to the other classes shall be classified as Class III milk; and

(6) If the form in which any fluid milk product that is transferred to an other order plant is not defined as a fluid milk product under such other order, classification under this paragraph shall be in accordance with the provisions of § 1068.40.

(c) *Transfers to producer-handlers.* Skim milk or butterfat transferred in the following forms from a pool plant to a producer-handler under this or any other Federal order shall be classified:

(1) As Class I milk, if transferred in the form of a fluid milk product; and

(2) In accordance with the utilization assigned to it by the market administrator, if transferred in the form of a bulk fluid cream product. For this purpose, the producer-handler's utilization of skim milk and butterfat in each class, in series beginning with Class III, shall be assigned to the extent possible to his receipts of skim milk and butterfat, respectively, in bulk fluid cream products, pro rata to each source.

(d) *Transfers and diversions to other nonpool plants.* Skim milk or butterfat transferred or diverted in the following forms from a pool plant to a nonpool plant that is not an other order plant or a producer-handler plant shall be classified:

(1) As Class I milk, if transferred in the form of a packaged fluid milk product; and

(2) As Class I milk, if transferred or diverted in the form of a bulk fluid milk product or a bulk fluid cream product, unless the following conditions apply:

(i) If the conditions described in paragraph (d)(2)(i) (a) and (b) of this section are met, transfers or diversions in bulk form shall be classified on the basis of the assignment of the nonpool plant's utilization to its receipts as set forth in paragraph (d)(2) (ii) through (viii) of this section:

(a) The transferor-handler or diverter-handler claims such classification in his report of receipts and utilization filed pursuant to §1068.30 for the month within which such transaction occurred; and

(b) The nonpool plant operator maintains books and records showing the utilization of all skim milk and butterfat received at such plant which are made available for verification purposes if requested by the market administrator;

(ii) Route disposition in the marketing area of each Federal milk order from the nonpool plant and transfers of packaged fluid milk products from such nonpool plant to plants fully regulated thereunder shall be assigned to the extent possible in the following sequence:

(a) Pro rata to receipts of packaged fluid milk products at such nonpool plant from pool plants;

(b) Pro rata to any remaining unassigned receipts of packaged fluid milk products at such nonpool plant from other order plants;

(c) Pro rata to receipts of bulk fluid milk products at such nonpool plant from pool plants; and

(d) Pro rata to any remaining unassigned receipts of bulk fluid milk products at such nonpool plant from other order plants;

(iii) Any remaining Class I disposition of packaged fluid milk products from the nonpool plant shall be assigned to the extent possible pro rata to any remaining unassigned receipts of packaged fluid milk products at such nonpool plant from pool plants and other order plants;

(iv) Transfers of bulk fluid milk products from the nonpool plant to a plant fully regulated under any Federal milk order, to the extent that such transfers to the regulated plant exceed receipts of fluid milk products from such plant and are allocated to Class I at the transferee-plant, shall be assigned to the extent possible in the following sequence:

(a) Pro rata to receipts of fluid milk products at such nonpool plant from pool plants; and

(b) Pro rata to any remaining unassigned receipts of fluid milk products at such nonpool plant from other order plants;

(v) Any remaining unassigned Class I disposition from the nonpool plant shall be assigned to the extent possible in the following sequence:

(a) To such nonpool plant's receipts from dairy farmers who the market administrator determines constitute regular sources of Grade A milk for such nonpool plant; and

(b) To such nonpool plant's receipts of Grade A milk from plants not fully regulated under any Federal milk order which the market administrator determines constitute regular sources of Grade A milk for such nonpool plant;

(vi) Any remaining unassigned receipts of bulk fluid milk products at the nonpool plant from pool plants and other order plants shall be assigned,

pro rata among such plants, to the extent possible first to any remaining Class I utilization, then to Class II utilization, and then to Class III utilization at such nonpool plant;

(vii) Receipts of bulk fluid cream products at the nonpool plant from pool plants and other order plants shall be assigned, pro rata among such plants, to the extent possible first to any remaining Class II utilization, then to any remaining Class III utilization, and then to Class I utilization at such nonpool plant; and

(viii) In determining the nonpool plant's utilization for purposes of this subparagraph, any fluid milk products and bulk fluid cream products transferred from such nonpool plant to a plant not fully regulated under any Federal milk order shall be classified on the basis of the second plant's utilization using the same assignment priorities at the second plant that are set forth in this subparagraph.

(e) *Transfers by a handler described in §1068.9(c) to pool plants.* Skim milk and butterfat transferred in the form of bulk milk by a handler described in §1068.9(c) to another handler's pool plant shall be classified pursuant to §1068.44 pro rata with producer milk received at the transferee-handler's plant.

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§ 1068.43 General classification rules.

In determining the classification of producer milk, the following rules shall apply;

(a) Each month the market administrator shall correct for mathematical and other obvious errors all reports filed pursuant to §1068.30 and shall compute separately for each pool plant, and for each cooperative association with respect to milk for which it is the handler pursuant to §1068.9 (b) or (c) that was not received at a pool plant, the pounds of skim milk and butterfat, respectively, in each class in accordance with §§1068.40, 1068.41, and 1068.42. The combined pounds of skim milk and butterfat so determined in each class for a handler described in §1068.9 (b) or (c) shall be such handler's classification of producer milk;

(b) If any of the water contained in the milk from which a product is made is removed before the product is utilized or disposed of by a handler, the pounds of skim milk in such product that are to be considered under this part as used or disposed of by the handler shall be an amount equivalent to the nonfat milk solids contained in such product plus all of the water originally associated with such solids;

(c) The classification of producer milk for which a cooperative association is the handler pursuant to §1068.9 (b) or (c) shall be determined separately from the operations of any pool plant operated by such cooperative association; and

(d) For classification purposes, pursuant to §§1068.40 through 1068.45, butterfat in skim milk either disposed of to others or used in the manufacture of milk products shall be accounted for at a butterfat content of 0.065 percent, unless the handler has adequate records of the actual butterfat content of such skim milk.

(e) Skim milk and butterfat contained in receipts of bulk concentrated fluid milk and nonfluid milk products that are reconstituted for fluid use shall be assigned to Class I use, up to the reconstituted portion of labeled reconstituted fluid milk products, on a pro rata basis (except for any Class I use of specific concentrated receipts that is established by the handler) prior to any assignments under §1068.44. Any remaining skim milk and butterfat in concentrated receipts shall be assigned to uses under §1068.44 on a pro rata basis, unless a specific use of such receipts is established by the handler.

(f) Class III-A milk shall be allocated in combination with Class III milk and the quantity of producer milk eligible to be priced in Class III-A shall be determined by prorating receipts from pool sources to Class III-A use on the basis of the quantity of total receipts of bulk fluid milk products allocated to Class III milk at the plant.

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§ 1068.44 Classification of producer milk.

For each month the market administrator shall determine for each handler described in §1068.9(a) for each of his separate pool plants the classification of producer milk and milk received from a handler described in §1068.9(c) by allocating the handler's receipts of skim milk and butterfat to his utilization as follows:

(a) Skim milk shall be allocated in the following manner:

(1) Subtract from the total pounds of skim milk in Class III the pounds of skim milk in shrinkage specified in §1068.41(b);

(2) Subtract from the total pounds of skim milk in Class I the pounds of skim milk in:

(i) Receipts of packaged fluid milk products from an unregulated supply plant to the extent that an equivalent amount of skim milk disposed of to such plant by handlers fully regulated under any Federal milk order is classified and priced as Class I milk and is not used as an offset for any other payment obligation under any order;

(ii) Packaged fluid milk products in inventory at the beginning of the month. This paragraph shall apply only if the pool plant was subject to the provisions of this paragraph or comparable provisions of another Federal milk order in the immediately preceding month;

(3) Subtract from the pounds of skim milk remaining in each class the pounds of skim milk in fluid milk products received in packaged form from an other order plant, except that to be subtracted pursuant to paragraph (a)(7)(vi) of this section, as follows:

(i) From Class III milk, the lesser of the pounds remaining or 2 percent of such receipts; and

(ii) From Class I milk, the remainder of such receipts;

(4) Subtract from the pounds of skim milk in Class II the pounds of skim milk in products specified in §1068.40(b)(1) that were received in packaged form from other plants, but not in excess of the pounds of skim milk remaining in Class II;

(5) Subtract from the remaining pounds of skim milk in Class II the pounds of skim milk in products speci-

fied in §1068.40(b)(1) in packaged form and in bulk concentrated fluid milk products that were in inventory at the beginning of the month, but not in excess of the pounds of skim milk remaining in Class II. This subparagraph shall apply only if the pool plant was subject to the provisions of this subparagraph or comparable provisions of another Federal milk order in the immediately preceding month;

(6) Subtract from the remaining pounds of skim milk in Class II the pounds of skim milk in bulk concentrated fluid milk products and in other source milk (except other source milk received in the form of an unconcentrated fluid milk product or a fluid cream product) that is used to produce, or added to any product specified in §1068.40(b) (excluding the quantity of such skim milk that was classified as Class III milk pursuant to §1068.40(c)(6)), but not in excess of the pounds of skim milk remaining in Class II.

(7) Subtract in the order specified below from the pounds of skim milk remaining in each class, in series beginning with Class III, the pounds of skim milk in each of the following:

(i) Bulk concentrated fluid milk products and other source milk (except other source milk received in the form of an unconcentrated fluid milk product) and, if paragraph (a)(5) of this section applies, packaged inventory at the beginning of the month of products specified in §1068.40(b)(1) that was not subtracted pursuant to paragraphs (a)(4), (a)(5) and (a)(6) of this section;

(ii) Receipts of fluid milk products (except filled milk) for which Grade A certification is not established;

(iii) Receipts of fluid milk products from unidentified sources;

(iv) Receipts of fluid milk products from a producer-handler as defined under this or any other Federal milk order and from a governmental agency plant;

(v) Receipts of reconstituted skim milk in filled milk from an unregulated supply plant that were not subtracted pursuant to paragraph (a)(2)(i) of this section; and

(vi) Receipts of reconstituted skim milk in filled milk from an other order

plant that is regulated under any Federal milk order providing for individual-handler pooling, to the extent that reconstituted skim milk is allocated to Class I at the transferor-plant;

(8) Subtract in the order specified below from the pounds of skim milk remaining in Class II and Class III, in sequence beginning with Class III:

(i) The pounds of skim milk in receipts of fluid milk products from an unregulated supply plant that were not subtracted pursuant to paragraph (a)(2)(i) and (7)(v) of this section for which the handler requests a classification other than Class I, but not in excess of the pounds of skim milk remaining in Class II and Class III combined;

(ii) The pounds of skim milk in receipts of fluid milk products from an unregulated supply plant that were not subtracted pursuant to paragraph (a)(2)(i), (7)(v), and (8)(i) of this section which are in excess of the pounds of skim milk determined pursuant to paragraph (a)(8)(ii) (a) through (c) of this section. Should the pounds of skim milk to be subtracted from Class II and Class III combined exceed the pounds of skim milk remaining in such classes, the pounds of skim milk in Class II and Class III combined shall be increased (increasing as necessary Class III and then Class II to the extent of available utilization in such classes at the nearest other pool plant of the handler, and then at each successively more distant pool plant of the handler) by an amount equal to such excess quantity to be subtracted, and the pounds of skim milk in Class I shall be decreased by a like amount. In such case, the pounds of skim milk remaining in each class at this allocation step at the handler's other pool plants shall be adjusted in the reverse direction by a like amount:

(a) Multiply by 1.25 the sum of the pounds of skim milk remaining in Class I at this allocation step at all pool plants of the handler (excluding any duplication of Class I utilization resulting from reported Class I transfers between pool plants of the handler);

(b) Subtract from the above result the sum of the pounds of skim milk in receipts at all pool plants of the han-

dlers of producer milk, milk from a handler described in §1068.9(c), fluid milk products from pool plants of other handlers, and bulk fluid milk products from other order plants that were not subtracted pursuant to paragraph (a)(7)(vi) of this section; and

(c) Multiply any plus quantity resulting above by the percentage that the receipts of skim milk in fluid milk products from unregulated supply plants that remain at this pool plant is of all such receipts remaining at this allocation step at all pool plants of the handler; and

(iii) The pounds of skim milk in receipts of bulk fluid milk products from an other order plant that are in excess of bulk fluid milk products transferred or diverted to such plant and that were not subtracted pursuant to paragraph (a)(7)(vi) of this section, if Class II or Class III classification is requested by the operator of the other order plant and the handler, but not in excess of the pounds of skim milk remaining in Class II and Class III combined;

(9) Subtract from the pounds of skim milk remaining in each class, in series beginning with Class III, the pounds of skim milk in fluid milk products and products specified in §1068.40(b)(1) in inventory at the beginning of the month that were not subtracted pursuant to paragraphs (a)(2)(ii), (a)(5) and (a)(7)(i) of this section;

(10) Add to the remaining pounds of skim milk in Class III the pounds of skim milk subtracted pursuant to paragraph (a)(1) of this section;

(11) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (a)(11) (i) and (ii) of this section, subtract from the pounds of skim milk remaining in each class at the plant, pro rata to the total pounds of skim milk remaining in Class I and in Class II and Class III combined at this allocation step at all pool plants of the handler (excluding any duplication of utilization in each class resulting from transfers between pool plants of the handler), with the quantity prorated to Class II and Class III combined being subtracted first from Class III and then from Class II, the pounds of skim milk in receipts of fluid milk products from an unregulated supply plant that were not subtracted pursuant to paragraph (a)(2)(i), (7)(v), and (8)(i) and (ii) of this

section and that were not offset by transfers or diversions of fluid milk products to the same unregulated supply plant from which fluid milk products to be allocated at this step were received:

(i) Should the pounds of skim milk to be subtracted from Class II and Class III combined pursuant to this subparagraph exceed the pounds of skim milk remaining in such classes, the pounds of skim milk in Class II and Class III combined shall be increased (increasing as necessary Class III and then Class II to the extent of available utilization in such classes at the nearest other pool plant of the handler, and then at each successively more distant pool plant of the handler) by an amount equal to such excess quantity to be subtracted, and the pounds of skim milk in Class I shall be decreased by a like amount. In such case, the pounds of skim milk remaining in each class at this allocation step at the handler's other pool plants shall be adjusted in the reverse direction by a like amount; and

(ii) Should the pounds of skim milk to be subtracted from Class I pursuant to this subparagraph exceed the pounds of skim milk remaining in such class, the pounds of skim milk in Class I shall be increased by an amount equal to such excess quantity to be subtracted, and the pounds of skim milk in Class II and Class III combined shall be decreased by a like amount (decreasing as necessary Class III and then Class II). In such case, the pounds of skim milk remaining in each class at this allocation step at the handler's other pool plants shall be adjusted in the reverse direction by a like amount, beginning with the nearest plant at which Class I utilization is available;

(12) Subtract in the manner specified below from the pounds of skim milk remaining in each class the pounds of skim milk in receipts of bulk fluid milk products from an other order plant that are in excess of bulk fluid milk products transferred or diverted to such plant and that were not subtracted pursuant to paragraph (a)(7)(vi) and (8)(iii) of this section:

(i) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (a)(12) (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this section, such subtraction shall be pro rata to the pounds of skim milk in

Class I and in Class II and Class III combined, with the quantity prorated to Class II and Class III combined being subtracted first from Class III and then from Class II, with respect to whichever of the following quantities represents the lower proportion of Class I milk:

(a) The estimated utilization of skim milk of all handlers in each class as announced for the month pursuant to § 1068.45(a); or

(b) The total pounds of skim milk remaining in each class at this allocation step at all pool plants of the handler (excluding any duplication of utilization in each class resulting from transfers between pool plants of the handler);

(ii) Should the proration pursuant to paragraph (a)(12)(i) of this section result in the total pounds of skim milk at all pool plants of the handler that are to be subtracted at this allocation step from Class II and Class III combined exceeding the pounds of skim milk remaining in Class II and Class III at all such plants, the pounds of such excess shall be subtracted from the pounds of skim milk remaining in Class I after such proration at the pool plants at which such other source milk was received;

(iii) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(12)(ii) of this section, should the computations pursuant to paragraph (a)(12) (i) or (ii) of this section result in a quantity of skim milk to be subtracted from Class II and Class III combined that exceeds the pounds of skim milk remaining in such classes, the pounds of skim milk in Class II and Class III combined shall be increased (increasing as necessary Class III and then Class II to the extent of available utilization in such classes at the nearest other pool plant of the handler, and then at each successively more distant pool plant of the handler) by an amount equal to such excess quantity to be subtracted, and the pounds of skim milk in Class I shall be decreased by a like amount. In such case, the pounds of skim milk remaining in each class at this allocation step at the handler's other pool plants shall be adjusted in the reverse direction by a like amount; and

(iv) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(12)(ii) of this section, should the computation pursuant to paragraph (a)(12) (i) or (ii) of this section result in a quantity of skim milk to be subtracted from Class I that exceeds the pounds of skim milk remaining in such class, the pounds of skim milk in Class I shall be increased by an amount equal to such excess quantity to be subtracted, and the pounds of skim milk in Class II and Class III combined shall be decreased by a like amount (decreasing as necessary Class III and then Class II). In such case, the pounds of skim milk remaining in each class at this allocation step at the handler's other pool plants shall be adjusted in the reverse direction by a like amount beginning with the nearest plant at which Class I utilization is available;

(13) Subtract from the pounds of skim milk remaining in each class the pounds of skim milk in receipts of fluid milk products and bulk fluid cream products from another pool plant according to the classification of such products pursuant to §1068.42(a); and

(14) If the total pounds of skim milk remaining in all classes exceed the pounds of skim milk in producer milk, and milk received from a handler described in §1068.9(c), subtract such excess from the pounds of skim milk remaining in each class in series beginning with Class III. Any amount so subtracted shall be known as "overage";

(b) Butterfat shall be allocated in accordance with the procedure outlined for skim milk in paragraph (a) of this section; and

(c) The quantity of producer milk and milk received from a handler described in §1068.9(c) in each class shall be the combined pounds of skim milk and butterfat remaining in each class after the computations pursuant to paragraph (a)(14) of this section and the corresponding step of paragraph (b) of this section.

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§1068.45 Market administrator's reports and announcements concerning classification.

The market administrator shall make the following reports and announcements concerning classification:

(a) Whenever required for the purpose of allocating receipts from other order plants pursuant to §1068.44(a)(12) and the corresponding step of §1068.44(b), estimate and publicly announce the utilization (to the nearest whole percentage) in each class during the month of skim milk and butterfat, respectively, in producer milk of all handlers. Such estimate shall be based upon the most current available data and shall be final for such purpose.

(b) Report to the market administrator of the other order, as soon as possible after the report of receipts and utilization for the month is received from a handler who has received fluid milk products or bulk fluid cream products from an other order plant, the class to which such receipts are allocated pursuant to §§1068.43(e) and 1068.44 on the basis of such report, (including any reclassification of inventories of bulk concentrated fluid milk products), and thereafter, any change in such allocation required to correct errors disclosed in the verification of such report.

(c) Furnish to each handler operating a pool plant who has shipped fluid milk products or bulk fluid cream products to an other order plant the class to which such shipments were allocated by the market administrator of the other order on the basis of the report by the receiving handler, and, as necessary, any changes in such allocation arising from the verification of such report.

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CLASS PRICES

§1068.50 Class and component prices.

Subject to the provisions of §1068.52, the class prices per hundredweight of milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat and the component prices for the month shall be as follows:

(a) *Class I price.* The Class I price shall be the basic formula price for the second preceding month plus \$1.20.

(b) *Class II price.* The Class II price shall be the basic formula price for the second preceding month plus \$0.30.

(c) *Class III price.* The Class III price shall be the basic formula price for the month.

(d) *Class III-A price.* The Class III-A price for the month shall be the average Central States nonfat dry milk price for the month, as reported by the Department, less 12.5 cents, times an amount computed by subtracting from 9 an amount calculated by dividing .4 by such nonfat dry milk price, plus the butterfat differential times 35 and rounded to the nearest cent.

(e) *Class I differential price.* The Class I differential price shall be the difference between the current month's Class I and Class III prices (this price may be negative).

(f) *Class II differential price.* The Class II differential price shall be the difference between the current month's Class II and Class III prices (this price may be negative).

(g) *Class III-A differential price.* The Class III-A differential price shall be the difference between the current month's Class III and Class III-A prices (this price may be negative).

(h) *Skim milk price.* The skim milk price per hundredweight, rounded to the nearest cent, shall be the Class III price less an amount computed by multiplying the butterfat differential by 35.

(i) *Butterfat price.* The butterfat price per pound, rounded to the nearest one-hundredth cent, shall be the Class III price plus an amount computed by multiplying the butterfat differential by 965 and dividing the resulting amount by one hundred.

(j) *Protein price.* The protein price per pound, rounded to the nearest one-hundredth cent, shall be 1.32 times the average monthly price per pound for 40-pound block Cheddar cheese on the National Cheese Exchange as reported by the Department.

(k) *Other solids price.* Other solids are herein defined as solids-not-fat other than protein. The other solids price per pound, rounded to the nearest one-hundredth cent, shall be the basic formula price at test less the average butterfat test of the basic formula price as reported by the Department times the butterfat price, less the average protein test of the basic formula price as reported by the Department for the month times the protein price, and dividing the resulting amount by the average other solids test of the basic for-

mula price as reported by the Department. If the resulting price is less than zero, then the protein price will be reduced so that the other solids price equals zero.

(l) *Somatic cell adjustment.* (1) The somatic cell adjustment rate, per 1,000 somatic cells, rounded to five decimal places, shall be computed by multiplying .0005 times the monthly cheddar cheese price as defined in paragraph (j) of this section; and

(2) The somatic cell adjustment per hundredweight shall be determined by subtracting from 350 the somatic cell count (in thousands) of the milk, multiplying the difference by the somatic cell adjustment rate, and rounding to the nearest full cent.

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§ 1068.51 Basic formula price.

The basic formula price shall be the preceding month's average pay price for manufacturing grade milk in Minnesota and Wisconsin using the "base month" series, as reported by the Department, adjusted to a 3.5 percent butterfat basis using the butterfat differential for the preceding month computed pursuant to § 1068.74 and rounded to the nearest cent, plus or minus the change in gross value yielded by the butter-nonfat dry milk and Cheddar cheese product price formula computed pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

(a) The gross values of per hundredweight of milk used to manufacture butter-nonfat dry milk and Cheddar cheese shall be computed, using price data determined pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section and annual yield factors, for the preceding month and separately for the current month as follows:

(1) The gross value of milk used to manufacture butter-nonfat dry milk shall be the sum of the following computations:

- (i) Multiply the Grade AA butter price by 4.27;
- (ii) Multiply the nonfat dry milk price by 8.07; and
- (iii) Multiply the dry buttermilk price by 0.42.

(2) The gross value of milk used to manufacture Cheddar cheese shall be the sum of the following computations:

(i) Multiply the Cheddar cheese price by 9.87; and

(ii) Multiply the Grade A butter price by 0.238.

(b) The following product prices shall be used pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section:

(1) *Grade AA butter price.* Grade AA butter price means the simple average for the month of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Grade AA butter price, as reported by the Department.

(2) *Nonfat dry milk price.* Nonfat dry milk price means the simple average for the month of the Western Nonfat Dry Milk Low/Medium Heat price, as reported by the Department.

(3) *Dry buttermilk price.* Dry buttermilk price means the simple average for the month of the Western Dry Buttermilk price, as reported by the Department.

(4) *Cheddar cheese price.* Cheddar cheese price means the simple average for the month of the National Cheese Exchange 40-pound block Cheddar cheese price, as reported by the Department.

(5) *Grade A butter price.* Grade A butter price means the simple average for the month of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Grade A butter price, as reported by the Department.

(c) Determine the amounts by which the gross value per hundredweight of milk used to manufacture butter-nonfat dry milk and the gross value per hundredweight of milk used to manufacture Cheddar cheese for the current month exceed or are less than the respective gross values for the preceding month.

(d) Compute weighting factors to be applied to the changes in gross values determined pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section by determining the relative proportion that the data included in each of the following paragraphs is of the total of the data represented in paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) of this section:

(1) Combine the total nonfat dry milk production for the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin, as reported by the Department, for the most recent preceding period, and divide by the annual

yield factor for nonfat dry milk, 8.07, to determine the quantity (in hundredweights) of milk used in the production of butter-nonfat dry milk; and

(2) Combine the total American cheese production for the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin, as reported by the Department, for the most recent preceding period, and divide by the annual yield factor for Cheddar cheese, 9.87, to determine the quantity (in hundredweights) of milk used in the production of American cheese.

(e) Compute a weighted average of the changes in gross values per hundredweight of milk determined pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section in accordance with the relative proportions of milk determined pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

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§ 1068.52 Plant location adjustments for handlers.

(a) The following zones are defined for the purpose of determining location adjustments:

(1) Zone 1 shall include that territory, both inside and outside the marketing area, not included in Zones 2, 3, and 4.

(2) Zone 2 shall include:

(i) The Minnesota counties of Aitkin, Anoka, Becker, Benton, Big Stone, Carlton, Carver, Cass, Chippewa, Chisago, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, Douglas, Fillmore, Goodhue, Grant, Houston, Hubbard, Isanti, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Le Sueur, McLeod, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Nicollet, Otter Tail, Pine, Pope, Renville, Rice, Scott, Sibley, Sherburne, Stearns, Steele, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wabasha, Wadena, Waseca, Wilkin, Wirona, and Wright;

(ii) The Wisconsin counties of Burnett, Calumet, Columbia, Crawford, Douglas (except the city of Superior), Green Lake, Manitowoc, Pierce, Polk, Richland, St. Croix, Sauk, Vernon, and Winnebago;

(iii) The Michigan counties of Dickinson, Gogebic, Iron, and Menominee; and

(iv) The Iowa county of Allamakee.

(3) Zone 3 shall include the Wisconsin counties of Adams, Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Brown, Buffalo, Chippewa,

Door, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Forest, Iron, Juneau, La Crosse, Kewaunee, Marinette, Marquette, Monroe, Outagamie, Pepin, Rusk, Sawyer, Trempealeau, Vilas, Washburn, Waupaca, and Waushara.

(4) Zone 4 shall include the Wisconsin counties of Clark, Jackson, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Portage, Price, Shawano, Taylor, and Wood.

(b) For milk received at a plant from producers or a handler described in §1068.9(c) and which is classified as Class I milk, the price specified in §1068.50(a) shall be adjusted by the following amounts:

Zone	Adjustment per hundred-weight
1	No adjustment.
2	Minus 6¢.
3	Minus 10¢.
4	Minus 16¢.

(c) The Class I price applicable to other source milk shall be adjusted by the amounts set forth in paragraph (b) of this section, except that the adjusted Class I price shall not be less than the Class III price.

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§1068.53 Announcement of class and component prices.

On or before the 5th day of the month, the market administrator shall announce the following prices:

- (a) The Class I price for the following month;
- (b) The Class II price for the following month;
- (c) The Class III price for the preceding month;
- (d) The Class III-A price for the preceding month;
- (e) The skim milk price for the preceding month;
- (f) The butterfat price for the preceding month;
- (g) The protein price for the preceding month;
- (h) The other solids price for the preceding month;
- (i) The somatic cell adjustment rate for the preceding month; and
- (j) The butterfat differential for the preceding month.

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§1068.54 Equivalent price.

If for any reason a price or pricing constituent required by this part for computing class prices or for other purposes is not available as prescribed in this part, the market administrator shall use a price or pricing constituent determined by the Secretary to be equivalent to the price or pricing constituent that is required.

PRODUCER PRICE DIFFERENTIAL

§1068.60 Handler's value of milk.

For the purpose of computing a handler's obligation for producer milk, the market administrator shall determine for each month the value of milk of each handler described in §1068.9 (a), (b), and (c).

(a) The handler's obligation for producer milk shall be computed as follows:

(1) Multiply the total hundredweight of producer milk in Class I as determined pursuant to §1068.43(a) and §1068.44(c) by the Class I differential price for the month;

(2) Add an amount obtained by multiplying the total hundredweight of producer milk in Class II as determined pursuant to §1068.43(a) and §1068.44(c) by the Class II differential price for the month;

(3) Add an amount obtained by multiplying the hundredweight of skim milk in Class I as determined pursuant to §1068.43(a) and §1068.44(a) by the skim milk price;

(4) Add an amount obtained by multiplying the pounds of skim milk in Class II and Class III as determined pursuant to §1068.43(a) and §1068.44(a) by the average protein content of producer skim milk received by the handler, and multiplying the resulting pounds of protein by the protein price;

(5) Add an amount obtained by multiplying the pounds of skim milk in Class II and Class III as determined pursuant to §1068.43(a) and §1068.44(a) by the average other solids content of producer skim milk received by the handler, and multiplying the resulting pounds of other solids by the other solids price;

(6) Add an adjustment for somatic cell content determined by multiplying the value reported pursuant to

§ 1068.30(a)(1) by the percentage of the total producer milk assigned to Class II and Class III pursuant to §§ 1068.43(a) and 1068.44(c); and

(7) Add an amount obtained by multiplying the total hundredweight of producer milk eligible to be priced as Class III-A by the Class III-A differential price for the month;

(b) Add the amounts obtained from multiplying the pounds of overage subtracted from each class pursuant to § 1068.44(a)(14) and the corresponding step of § 1068.44(b) by the respective class prices, as adjusted by the butterfat differential specified in § 1068.74, that are applicable at the location of the pool plant;

(c) Add the amount obtained from multiplying the difference between the Class III price for the preceding month and the Class I price applicable at the location of the pool plant or the Class II price, as the case may be, for the current month by the hundredweight of skim milk and butterfat subtracted from Class I and Class II pursuant to § 1068.44(a)(9) and the corresponding step of § 1068.44(b);

(d) Add the amount obtained from multiplying the difference between the Class I price applicable at the location of the pool plant and the Class III price by the hundredweight of skim milk and butterfat assigned to Class I pursuant to § 1068.43(e) and the hundredweight of skim milk and butterfat subtracted from Class I pursuant to § 1068.44(a)(7)(i) through (iv) and the corresponding step of § 1068.44(b), excluding receipts of bulk fluid cream products from an other order plant and bulk concentrated fluid milk products from pool plants, other order plants and unregulated supply plants;

(e) Add the amount obtained from multiplying the difference between the Class I price applicable at the location of the transferor-plant and the Class III price by the hundredweight of skim milk and butterfat subtracted from Class I pursuant to § 1068.44(a)(7) (v) and (vi) and the corresponding step of § 1068.44(b);

(f) Add the amount obtained from multiplying the Class I differential price applicable at the location of the nearest unregulated supply plants from which an equivalent volume was re-

ceived by the pounds of skim milk and butterfat in receipts of concentrated fluid milk products assigned to Class I pursuant to § 1068.43(e) and § 1068.44(a)(7)(i) and the pounds of skim milk and butterfat subtracted from Class I pursuant to § 1068.44(a)(11) and the corresponding steps of § 1068.44(b), excluding such skim milk and butterfat in receipts of bulk fluid milk products from an unregulated supply plant to the extent that an equivalent amount of skim milk or butterfat disposed of to such plant by handlers fully regulated under any Federal milk order is classified and priced as Class I milk and is not used as an offset for any other payment obligation under any order;

(g) Subtract, for a handler described in § 1068.9(c), the amount charged the preceding month for the skim milk and butterfat contained in inventory at the beginning of the month that was delivered to a pool plant during the month;

(h) Subtract, for reconstituted milk made from receipts of nonfluid milk products, an amount computed by multiplying \$1.00 (but not more than the difference between the Class I price applicable at the location of the pool plant and the Class III price) by the hundredweight of skim milk and butterfat contained in receipts of nonfluid milk products that are allocated to Class I use pursuant to § 1068.43(e);

(i) Exclude, for pricing purposes under this section, receipts of nonfluid milk products that are distributed as labeled reconstituted milk for which payments are made to the producer-settlement fund of another order under § 1068.76 (a)(5) or (c); and

(j) For pool plants that transfer bulk concentrated fluid milk products to other pool plants and other order plants, add or subtract the amount per hundredweight of any class price change from the previous month that results from any inventory reclassification of bulk concentrated fluid milk products that occurs at the transferee plant. Any such applicable class price change shall be applied to the plant that used the concentrated milk in the event that the concentrated fluid milk products were made from bulk

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unconcentrated fluid milk products received at the plant during the prior month.

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§ 1068.61 Producer price differential.

For each month the market administrator shall compute a producer price differential per hundredweight of milk as follows:

(a) Combine into one total for all handlers:

(1) The estimated values computed pursuant to § 1068.60 (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(7), and (b) through (j) for all handlers; and

(2) Add the estimated values computed pursuant to § 1068.60 (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), and (a)(6); and subtract the values obtained by multiplying the handlers' total pounds of protein and total pounds of other solids contained in such milk by their respective prices, and the total value of the somatic cell adjustment;

(b) Add an amount equal to the estimated value of the producer location adjustments;

(c) Add an amount equal to not less than one-half of the unobligated balance in the producer-settlement fund;

(d) Divide the resulting amount by:

(1) The estimated hundredweight of producer milk; and

(2) The estimated hundredweight of other source milk for which a value is computed pursuant to § 1068.60(f); and

(e) Subtract not less than 4 cents nor more than 5 cents from the price computed pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section. The result shall be the "producer price differential" for milk received from producers.

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§ 1068.62 Announcement of producer prices.

On or before the 12th day after the end of each month, the market administrator shall announce the following prices and information:

- (a) The producer price differential;
- (b) The protein price;
- (c) The other solids price;
- (d) The butterfat price;
- (e) The somatic cell adjustment rate;

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(f) The average butterfat, protein and other solids content of producer milk; and

(g) The statistical uniform price for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, computed by combining the Class III price and the producer price differential.

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PAYMENTS FOR MILK

§ 1068.70 Producer-settlement fund.

The market administrator shall establish and maintain a separate fund known as the "producer-settlement fund" into which he shall deposit all payments made by handlers pursuant to §§ 1068.71, 1068.76, and 1068.77 and out of which he shall make all payments due handlers pursuant to §§ 1068.72 and 1068.77: *Provided*, That the market administrator shall offset any payments due any handler against payments due from such handler.

§ 1068.71 Payments to the producer-settlement fund.

(a) On or before the 16th day after the end of the month, each handler shall pay to the market administrator the amount, if any, by which the amount specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section exceeds the amount specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section:

(1) The total value of milk of the handler for such month as determined pursuant to § 1068.60.

(2) The sum of:

(i) The value of such handler's receipts of producer milk and milk received from a handler described in § 1068.9(c). In the case of a handler described in § 1068.9(c), less the amount due from other handlers pursuant to § 1068.73(d). The value of producer milk shall be computed as follows:

(A) An amount obtained by multiplying the total hundredweight of producer milk by the producer price differential as adjusted pursuant to § 1068.75;

(B) An amount obtained by multiplying the total pounds of protein contained in producer milk by the protein price;

(C) An amount obtained by multiplying the total pounds of other solids

contained in producer milk by the other solids price; and

(D) The total value of the somatic cell adjustment to producer milk; and

(ii) An amount obtained by multiplying the pounds of skim milk and butterfat for which a value was computed pursuant to §1068.60(f) by the producer price differential as adjusted pursuant to §1068.52 for the location of the plant from which received.

(b) On or before the 25th day after the end of the month each person who operated an other order plant that was regulated during such month under an order providing for individual-handler pooling shall pay to the market administrator an amount computed as follows:

(1) Determine the quantity of reconstituted skim milk in filled milk in route disposition from such plant in the marketing area which was allocated to Class I at such plant. If there is such route disposition from such plant in marketing areas regulated by two or more marketwide pool orders, the reconstituted skim milk allocated to Class I shall be prorated to each order according to such route disposition in each marketing area; and

(2) Compute the value of the reconstituted skim milk assigned in paragraph (b)(1) of this section to route disposition in this marketing area by multiplying the quantity of such skim milk by the difference between the Class I price under this part that is applicable at the location of the other order plant (but not to be less than the Class III price) and the Class III price.

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§1068.72 Payments from the producer-settlement fund.

On or before the 17th day after the end of each month, the market administrator shall pay to each handler the amount, if any, by which the amount computed pursuant to §1068.71(a)(2) exceeds the amount computed pursuant to §1068.71(a)(1): *Provided*, That if the balance in the producer-settlement fund is insufficient to make all payments pursuant to this section, the market administrator shall reduce uniformly such payments and shall com-

plete such payments as soon as the necessary funds become available.

§1068.73 Payments to producers and to cooperative associations.

Each handler shall pay for milk received from producers or cooperative associations as follows:

(a) On or before the 25th day of the month, each handler shall pay for skim milk and butterfat received during the first 15 days of the month from a cooperative association:

(1) That is a handler pursuant to §1068.9(a), at not less than the Class I price for the month at the location of the transferee or transferor plant, whichever is higher, adjusted by the butterfat differential for the preceding month;

(2) That is a handler pursuant to §1068.9(c), at not less than the statistical uniform price at its plant location for the preceding month, adjusted by the butterfat differential for the preceding month; and

(3) That is not a handler but which is authorized to collect payment on behalf of its member producers and has requested that payment be made to it in aggregate, at not less than the statistical uniform price at its plant location for the preceding month, adjusted by the butterfat differential for the preceding month.

(b) On or before the 4th day after the end of the month, each handler shall pay for skim milk and butterfat received during the first 15 days of the month from a producer for whom payment is not being made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section and who has not discontinued shipping to such handler, at not less than the statistical uniform price at its plant location for the preceding month, adjusted by the butterfat differential for the preceding month.

(c) On or before the 11th day after the end of the month, each handler shall pay for milk received and classified during the month from a cooperative association which is a handler pursuant to §1068.9(a) adjusted at the location of the transferee or transferor plant, whichever is higher, payment shall be determined as follows:

(1) The hundredweight of Class I milk received times the Class I differential

price for the month plus the pounds of Class I skim milk times the skim milk price for the month;

(2) The hundredweight of Class II milk received times the Class II differential price for the month;

(3) The hundredweight of Class III-A milk received times the Class III-A differential price for the month;

(4) The pounds of butterfat received times the butterfat price for the month;

(5) The pounds of protein received in Class II and Class III milk times the protein price for the month;

(6) The pounds of other solids received in Class II and Class III milk times the other solids price for the month;

(7) The hundredweight of Class II and Class III milk received times the somatic cell adjustment; and

(8) Less any payment made pursuant to paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(d) On or before the 18th day after the end of the month, each handler shall make payment as described in paragraph (d)(4) of this section to:

(1) A cooperative association that is a handler pursuant to § 1068.9(c);

(2) A cooperative association that is not a handler but which is authorized to collect payment on behalf of its member producers and has requested that payment be made to it in aggregate;

(3) A producer for whom payment is not being made pursuant to paragraphs (d) (1) and (2) of this section; and

(4) Payment shall be determined by:

(i) The hundredweight of producer milk received times the producer price differential as adjusted pursuant to § 1068.75;

(ii) The pounds of butterfat received times the butterfat price for the month;

(iii) The pounds of protein received times the protein price for the month;

(iv) The pounds of other solids received times the other solids price for the month;

(v) The hundredweight of milk received times the somatic cell adjustment for the month; and

(vi) Less any payment made pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of this section.

(e) In making payments pursuant to paragraphs (a) (2) and (3), (b) and (d) of

this section, deductions may be made for marketing services pursuant to § 1068.86 and for any proper deductions authorized by the producer. In the event a handler has not received full payment from the market administrator pursuant to § 1068.72 by the 18th day of the month, the handler may reduce pro rata its payments to producers pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section by not more than the amount of such underpayment. Following receipt of the balance due from the market administrator, the handler shall complete payments to producers not later than the next payment date provided under this section.

(f) In making payment to individual producers as required by this section, each handler shall furnish each producer from whom it received milk a supporting statement, in such form that it may be retained by the producer, which shall show:

(1) The month and the identity of the handler and producer;

(2) The total pounds of milk received from the producer;

(3) The total pounds of butterfat contained in the producer's milk;

(4) The total pounds of protein contained in the producer's milk;

(5) The total pounds of other solids contained in the producer's milk;

(6) The somatic cell count of the producer's milk;

(7) The minimum rate or rates at which payment to the producer is required pursuant to this section;

(8) The rate that is used in making payment if such rate is other than the applicable minimum;

(9) The amount, or the rate per hundredweight, or rate per pound of component, of each deduction claimed by the handler, including any deduction claimed under § 1068.86, together with a description of the respective deductions; and

(10) The net amount of the payment to the producer.

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§ 1068.74 Butterfat differential.

The butterfat differential, rounded to the nearest one-tenth cent, shall be 0.138 times the current month's butter price less 0.0028 times the preceding

month's average pay price per hundred-weight, at test, for manufacturing grade milk in Minnesota and Wisconsin, using the "base month" series, adjusted pursuant to §1068.51 (a) through (e), as reported by the Department. The butter price means the simple average for the month of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Grade A butter price as reported by the Department.

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§ 1068.75 Plant location adjustments for producers and on nonpool milk.

(a) The producer price differential for producer milk received at a pool plant or delivered to a nonpool plant shall be adjusted according to the location of the plant of actual receipt at the rates set forth in §1068.52.

(b) The producer price differential applicable to other source milk shall be adjusted at the rates set forth in §1068.52, except that the adjusted producer price differential shall not be less than zero.

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§ 1068.76 Payments by handler operating a partially regulated distributing plant.

Each handler who operates a partially regulated distributing plant shall pay on or before the 25th day after the end of the month to the market administrator for the producer-settlement fund the amount computed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section. If the handler submits pursuant to §§1068.30(b) and 1068.31(b) the information necessary for making the computations, such handler may elect to pay in lieu of such payment the amount computed pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section:

(a) The payment under this paragraph shall be the amount resulting from the following computations:

(1) Determine the pounds of route disposition in the marketing area from the partially regulated distributing plant;

(2) Subtract the pounds of fluid milk products received at the partially regulated distributing plant:

(i) As Class I milk from pool plants and other order plants, except that

subtracted under a similar provision of another Federal milk order; and

(ii) From another nonpool plant that is not an other order plant to the extent that an equivalent amount of fluid milk products disposed of to such nonpool plant by handlers fully regulated under any Federal milk order is classified and priced as Class I milk and is not used as an offset for any other payment obligation under any order;

(3) Subtract the pounds of reconstituted milk that are made from nonfluid milk products and which are then disposed of as route disposition in the marketing area from the partially regulated distributing plant;

(4) Multiply the remaining pounds by the amount by which the Class I differential price exceeds the producer price differential, both prices to be applicable at the location of the partially regulated distributing plant, with the difference to be not less than zero; and

(5) Add the amount obtained from multiplying the pounds of labeled reconstituted milk included in paragraph (a)(3) of this section by the difference between the Class I price applicable at the location of the partially regulated distributing plant less \$1.00 (but not to be less than the Class III price) and the Class III price. For any reconstituted milk that is not so labeled, the Class I price shall not be reduced by \$1.00. Alternatively, for such disposition, payments may be made to the producer-settlement fund of the order regulating the producer milk used to produce the nonfluid milk ingredients at the difference between the Class I price applicable under the other order at the location of the plant where the nonfluid milk ingredients were processed (but not to be less than the Class III price) and the Class III price. This payment option shall apply only if a majority of the total milk received at the plant that processed the nonfluid milk ingredients is regulated under one or more Federal orders and payment may only be made to the producer-settlement fund of the order pricing a plurality of the milk used to produce the nonfluid milk ingredients. This payment option shall not apply if the source of the

nonfluid ingredients used in reconstituted fluid milk products cannot be determined by the market administrator.

(b) The payment under this paragraph shall be the amount resulting from the following computations:

(1) Determine the value that would have been computed pursuant to § 1068.60 for the partially regulated distributing plant if the plant had been a pool plant, subject to the following modifications:

(i) Fluid milk products and bulk fluid cream products received at the partially regulated distributing plant from a pool plant or an other order plant shall be allocated at the partially regulated distributing plant to the same class in which such products were classified at the fully regulated plant;

(ii) Fluid milk products and bulk fluid cream products transferred from the partially regulated distributing plant to a pool plant or an other order plant shall be classified at the partially regulated distributing plant in the class to which allocated at the fully regulated plant. Such transfers shall be allocated to the extent possible to those receipts at the partially regulated distributing plants from pool plants and other order plants that are classified in the corresponding class pursuant to paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section. Any such transfers remaining after the above allocation which are classified in Class I and for which a value is computed for the handler operating the partially regulated distributing plant pursuant to § 1068.60 shall be priced at the statistical uniform price (or at the weighted average price if such is provided) of the respective order regulating the handling of milk at the transferee-plant, with such statistical uniform price adjusted to the location of the nonpool plant (but not to be less than the lowest class price of the respective order), except that transfers of reconstituted skim milk in filled milk shall be priced at the lowest class price of the respective order; and

(iii) If the operator of the partially regulated distributing plant so requests, the value of milk determined pursuant to § 1068.60 for such handler shall include, in lieu of the value of other source milk specified in § 1068.60(f) less the value of such other

source milk specified in § 1068.71(a)(2)(ii), a value of milk determined pursuant to § 1068.60 for each nonpool plant that is not an other order plant which serves as a supply plant for such partially regulated distributing plant by making shipments to the partially regulated distributing plant during the month equivalent to the requirements of § 1068.7(b), subject to the following conditions:

(a) The operator of the partially regulated distributing plant submits with his reports filed pursuant to §§ 1068.30(b) and 1068.31(b) similar reports for each such nonpool supply plant;

(b) The operator of such nonpool supply plant maintains books and records showing the utilization of all skim milk and butterfat received at such plant which are made available if requested by the market administrator for verification purposes; and

(c) The value of milk determined pursuant to § 1068.60 for such nonpool supply plant shall be determined in the same manner prescribed for computing the obligation of such partially regulated distributing plant; and

(2) From the partially regulated distributing plant's value of milk computed pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of this section, subtract:

(i) The gross payments by the operator of such partially regulated distributing plant, adjusted to a 3.5 percent butterfat basis by the butterfat differential specified in § 1068.74, for milk received at the plant during the month that would have been producer milk if the plant had been fully regulated;

(ii) If paragraph (b)(1)(iii) of this section applies, the gross payments by the operator of such nonpool supply plant, adjusted to a 3.5 percent butterfat basis by the butterfat differential specified in § 1068.74, for milk received at the plant during the month that would have been producer milk if the plant had been fully regulated; and

(iii) The payments by the operator of the partially regulated distributing plant to the producer-settlement fund of another order under which such plant is also a partially regulated distributing plant and like payments by the operator of the nonpool supply

plant if paragraph (b)(1)(iii) of this section applies.

(c) Any handler may elect partially regulated distributing plant status for any plant with respect to receipts of nonfluid milk ingredients assigned to Class I use under §1068.43(e). Payments may be made to the producer-settlement fund of the order regulating the producer milk used to produce the nonfluid milk ingredients at the difference between the Class I price applicable under the other order at the location of the plant where the nonfluid milk ingredients were processed (but not to be less than the Class III price) and the Class III price. This payment option shall apply only if a majority of the total milk received at the plant that processed the nonfluid milk ingredients is regulated under one or more Federal orders and payment may only be made to the producer-settlement fund of the order pricing a plurality of the milk used to produce the nonfluid milk ingredients. This payment option shall not apply if the source of the nonfluid ingredients used in reconstituted fluid milk products cannot be determined by the market administrator.

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§1068.77 Adjustment of accounts.

(a) Whenever verification by the market administrator of reports or payments by any handler discloses errors in payments to the producer-settlement fund pursuant to §1068.71, the market administrator shall promptly bill such handler for any unpaid amount and such handler shall, within 5 days of such billing, make payment to the market administrator of the amount so billed. Whenever verification discloses that payment is due from the market administrator to any handler, the market administrator shall, within 5 days, make payments to such handler.

(b) Whenever verification by the market administrator of the payments by a handler to any producer or cooperative association discloses payment of less than is required by §1068.73, the handler shall pay the balance due such producer or cooperative association not

later than the time for making payments next following such disclosure.

§1068.78 Charges on overdue accounts.

Any unpaid obligation of a handler pursuant to §§1068.71, 1068.76, and 1068.77(a), for which remittance has not been made by the close of business on the next day following the date specified for such payment shall be increased three-fourths of 1 percent for each month and any remaining amount due shall be increased at a similar rate on the corresponding day of each month thereafter until paid. The amounts payable pursuant to this section shall be computed monthly on each unpaid obligation, which shall include any unpaid charges previously made pursuant to this section; and for the purpose of this section any obligation that was determined at a date later than prescribed by the order because of a handler's failure to submit a report to the market administrator when due shall be considered to have been payable by the date it would have been due if the report had been filed when due.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT AND
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§1068.85 Assessment for order administration.

As his pro rata share of the expense of administration of the order, each handler shall pay to the market administrator on or before the 16th day after the end of the month 5 cents per hundredweight, or such lesser amount as the Secretary may prescribe, with respect to:

(a) Receipts of producer milk (including such handler's own production) other than:

(1) Receipts of producer milk by a handler described in §1068.9(c) that were delivered to pool plants of other handlers; and

(2) Receipts of producer milk that were transferred to pool plants of other handlers by a cooperative association in its capacity as a handler pursuant to §1068.9(a);

(b) Receipts from a handler described in §1068.9(c);

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(c) Receipts from a cooperative association in its capacity as a handler pursuant to §1068.9(a);

(d) Receipts of concentrated fluid milk products from unregulated supply plants and receipts of nonfluid milk products assigned to Class I use pursuant to §1068.43(e) and other source milk allocated to Class I pursuant to §1068.44 (a)(7) and (a)(11) and the corresponding steps of §1068.44(b), except such other source milk that is excluded from the computations pursuant to §1068.60 (d) and (f); and

(e) Route disposition from a partially regulated distributing plant in the marketing area that exceeds the skim milk and butterfat specified in §1068.76(a)(2).

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§ 1068.86 Deduction for marketing services.

(a) Except as set forth in paragraph (b) of this section, each handler, in making payments directly to producers (other than himself) pursuant to §1068.73, shall deduct 5 cents per hundredweight, or such lesser amount as the Secretary may prescribe, with respect to all milk received from producers' farms during the month, and shall pay such deductions to the market administrator on or before the 16th day after the end of such month. Such moneys shall be expended by the market administrator to provide for market information and to verify the weights, samples, and tests of milk of producers who are not receiving such services from a cooperative association.

(b) In the case of producers for whom a cooperative association is actually performing the services set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, each handler shall make, in lieu of the deduction specified in paragraph (a) of this section, such deductions from the payments to be made to such producers as may be authorized by the membership agreement or marketing contract between such cooperative association and such producers and on or before the 16th day after the end of each month shall pay such deductions to the cooperative association rendering such

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services, accompanied by a statement showing the quantity of milk for which a deduction was computed for each producer.

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