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**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES – PACIFIC NORTHWEST AND WESTERN
MARKETING AREAS:**

Enclosed is a copy of a decision to extend the vote for the referendum to amend the Pacific Northwest and Western milk marketing orders.

Approval for the proposed rule in the Pacific Northwest and Western orders will be determined by a poll of cooperative associations. Qualified cooperative associations of producers will be permitted to cast bloc votes on behalf of their members on all provisions of the orders, as amended.

If you desire additional information or have any questions regarding the referendum, please call the Referendum Agent, James R. Daugherty, at the office of the Market Administrator in Bothell, Washington, telephone (425) 487-6009.

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Enclosure

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**EXTENSION OF VOTE ON AMENDED MILK ORDER FOR THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST
MARKETING AREA:**

The voting time for the referendum, in which dairy farmers shipping milk to the Pacific Northwest milk marketing area will have an opportunity of expressing their approval or disapproval of an amended order, has been extended to October 6, 2003.

The changes to the order are based on the record of a public hearing held April 16-19, 2002, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Qualified cooperative associations of producers will be permitted to cast bloc votes on behalf of their members on all provisions of the order as amended.

Dairy farmers who may not have received a ballot through the mail and who feel that they are eligible to vote should call the USDA Referendum Agent at (425) 487-6009.

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**EXTENSION OF VOTE ON AMENDED MILK ORDER FOR THE WESTERN
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The voting time for the referendum, in which dairy farmers shipping milk to the Western milk marketing area will have an opportunity of expressing their approval or disapproval of an amended order, has been extended to October 6, 2003.

The changes to the order are based on the record of a public hearing held April 16-19, 2002, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Qualified cooperative associations of producers will be permitted to cast bloc votes on behalf of their members on all provisions of the order as amended.

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