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To: All Handlers, Federal Orders 124, 131 and 135

From: Market Administrator, Bothell, Washington

Subject: Waiver of Administrative Assessment

This is to advise you that the 2.5-cent per hundredweight administrative assessment currently applicable to the Pacific Northwest, Arizona-Las Vegas and Western federal milk orders will be waived for the milk pooled during the months of January, February, March and April 2003. Statements issued for those months will not contain an administrative assessment charge.

The 3-cent per hundredweight deduction for marketing services under each of the above-named orders will continue to be deducted. This deduction, which is applicable to deliveries by producers who are not members of a qualified cooperative association performing marketing services, is to be withheld from producers in making payments for milk delivered during the month.

/s/ James R. Daugherty