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Mr. Daniel Smith  
Mr. Paul Christ  
Maine Dairy Industry Association  
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P.O. Box 801  
Montpelier, Vermont 05601

Dear Messrs. Smith and Christ:

Enclosed is the information you requested in your November 29, 2011, letter, a copy of which is enclosed. Your request builds on earlier requests from May 4, 2009, and March 4, 2011, concerning competitive price zones based on handler presence and Herfindahl-Hirschmann Index numbers. The data, as requested, expands on the original December 2008 data collected by Federal Order 30 from all ten Federal milk orders.

Table 1 is the list of milksheds and the share of milk produced in the counties either comprising at least 25 percent of the milkshed's total milk production or those counties having a Herfindahl-Hirschmann index less than .33. Table 2 lists, for each milkshed, the weighted difference in gross producer pay price minus individual minimum order price. Table 3 lists, for each identified competitive county, the difference, weighted by pooled producer milk, reported by each Federal order.

Dr. Corey Freije of the Upper Midwest Order staff in Minneapolis has derived the milkshed data results on behalf of Dairy Programs. I hope you find these data helpful. If you have questions or require further assistance, please contact Corey at 952-277-2355 or [cfreije@fmma30.com](mailto:cfreije@fmma30.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana H. Coale", written over a horizontal line.

Dana H. Coale  
Deputy Administrator  
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Enclosures