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## USDA SETS HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO APPALACHIAN AND SOUTHEAST MILK ORDERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27, 2005 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced that it will hold an emergency public hearing to consider proposals seeking to amend the Appalachian and Southeast Federal Milk Marketing Orders. The hearing will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 10, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency Louisville, 320 West Jefferson St., Louisville, Ky. 40202.

The proposals seek to amend the orders by: 1) increasing the maximum assessment rate of the transportation credit balancing fund, 2) establishing an intra-market transportation credit, and 3) establishing a mileage rate factor that is adjusted for fuel cost. USDA will also consider proposals to amend certain producer milk provisions and other transportation credit balancing fund provisions.

The hearing notice will be published as a proposed rule in the Dec. 28, 2005, Federal Register. Copies of the hearing notice may be obtained from the USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, STOP 0231 – Rm. 2971, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0231. The hearing notice is available on AMS' web site at: [www.ams.usda.gov/dairy](http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy).

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