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To the Market Milk Producer Addressed:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) recently conducted a referendum of all market milk producers within the State of California to determine whether or not a proposed Quota Implementation Plan (QIP) would become effective should a Federal Milk Market Order (FMMO) be promulgated in California.

In order for the QIP to be approved, at least 51 percent of the total number of market milk producers in the State must vote, and at least 51 percent of those voting who produce at least 65% percent of the total amount of market milk produced by all producers who voted in the referendum, or at least 65 percent of those voting who produced at least 51 percent of the total amount of market milk produced in the State during August 2017 by all producers who voted in the referendum must vote in favor of the proposed QIP. The following summarizes the outcome of the referendum vote:

QIP Referendum Results:	
Portion of Eligible Producers that participated:	66.38%
Portion of those Eligible Producers Voting in Favor:	87.20%
Portion of the Voted Volume Represented by Eligible Producers in Favor:	90.65%

Based upon the results of this referendum, enactment of the QIP will occur if a FMMO is promulgated in California as a result of a future referendum to be administered by USDA.

If you have any questions regarding the QIP referendum, please contact me or Hyrum Eastman at (916) 900-5014.

Sincerely,

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