

California Farmers Union



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A.G. Kawamura
Secretary
California Department of Food and Agriculture
1220 N Street, Suite 409
Sacramento, CA 95714

RE: Support for \$14.50 per cwt dairy price floor

Dear Secretary Kawamura:

On behalf of the producer members of the California Dairy Campaign (CDC) and the California Farmers Union, we urge the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to floor the all milk price at \$14.50 per hundredweight.

Dairy producers throughout California continue to struggle to make up for the unprecedented losses suffered in 2009 due to the precipitous and prolonged drop in dairy producer prices. Credit availability continues to become more limited due to the uncertainty that continues to exist about the viability of dairy farming since the price collapse. Establishing a \$14.50 per cwt price floor will help stabilize producer prices and sustain dairy operations statewide.

We urge CDFA to establish a floor price of \$14.50 per cwt to provide some stability for producers, prevent another crisis and sustain California dairy producers in the future. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on these and other important issues affecting dairy producers throughout the state.

Sincerely,



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