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A.G. Kawamura, Secretary
California Department of Food and Agriculture
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Dear Secretary Kawamura:

We have been in the dairy business since 1981. We were considering retiring within the next two years, however, the devastation and collapse of the dairy industry that occurred last year hindered us from doing so due to debt we incurred operating at a loss for such a long period.

We are urging CDFA to hold an emerging hearing to floor milk price at "no less" than \$14.50 cwt. A petition calling on CDFA to hold this hearing was submitted on August 13, 2010, for consideration.

CDFA is supposed to be here to oversee that agriculture continues in this state by insuring that state guidelines are followed. It would seem that CDFA would not need to spend much time in making this consideration to hold this emergency meeting, if CDFA has stayed informed on the dairy industry's current economic state.

CDFA needs to ask why the dairy industry has taken such devastated losses when processors like Dean Food and Kraft have shown record profits.

Again, we urge you to take action now.

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