



## Notice of Determination related to a Petition received on August 6, 2024 to terminate the Quota Implementation Plan

November 4, 2024

On August 6, 2024 the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) received a petition to terminate the Quota Implementation Plan (Plan). Per the procedures for handling petitions outlined in section 1103 of the Plan, the Department has performed a review of the petition signatures and their respective reported volume and has determined that the twenty five percent (25%) threshold has been achieved. Therefore, the petition will be referred to the Producer Review Board (PRB) for review.

### Clarification:

California Market Milk producers are currently in the middle of a referendum to consider amendments to the Plan. Neither the qualification of the petition, nor any recommendations issued by the (PRB) regarding next steps would impact the referendum that is currently in progress as **the petition and the amendment vote are completely separate processes**. Accordingly, market milk producers are encouraged to submit their ballots by the January 9, 2025 deadline. For more information about the amendment referendum, please contact David Ko with the Quota Administration Program at (916) 900-5012 or David.Ko@cdfa.ca.gov.

About the process to qualify the petition: In calculating the qualified signatures, the Department utilized producer data from June 2024 as it was the most current producer information available when the petition was received. A summary of the petitions received from eligible Market Milk producers is as follows:

Total Number of eligible Market Milk Producers on the list:	<b>787</b>
Number of valid petitions received from eligible Market Milk producers:	<b>197</b>
Percentage of valid petitions received from eligible Market Milk producers:	<b>25.03%</b>
Total reported production volume (in product pounds) as of June 2024:	<b>3,305,913,595</b>
Total reported production volume (in product pounds) represented by those submitting valid petitions as of June 2024:	<b>1,091,584,622</b>
Total reported percentage of production volume represented by those submitting valid petitions as of June 2024:	<b>33.02%</b>

The Department anticipates holding a Producer Review Board meeting in the next few weeks to discuss this petition. A copy of the Petition to Terminate the QIP #5 submitted by Stop QIP on August 6, 2024 can be viewed on our website at:

[https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dairy/dairy\\_hearings\\_matrix.html](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dairy/dairy_hearings_matrix.html)

