



DAIRY FARMERS of AMERICA, INC.

July 7, 2004

**Mr. Eric Erba, Acting Chief
Dairy Marketing Branch
CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE
1220 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Dear Mr. Erba:

Regarding the public hearing scheduled for August 4, 2004, Dairy Farmers of America hereby submits the following alternative proposal pertaining to changes to Section 921.2 of the Pooling Plan.

The specific changes are to the rates used to calculate transportation allowances for the Solano receiving area. No other changes are proposed to the Solano receiving area.

Our proposal requests the following changes to section 921.2 of the Pooling Plan:

(d) For plants located in the Solano receiving area, which shall consist of the County of Solano:

(1)	From zero through 44 miles	\$.18 per CWT
	Over 44 miles through 99 miles	\$.28 per CWT
	Over 99 miles	\$.38 per CWT

The above changes are related to freight cost increases and the long-term ability to attract milk to Solano area Class 1 processors.

Regards,

**Gary M. Stueve
V.P. Fluid Milk Operations
Dairy Farmers of America
Western Area Council**

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