



January 17, 2017

TO: ALL PRAIRIE FARMS LOCATIONS

RE: Fresh Milk Products Antitrust Litigation

IMPORTANT: *Prairie Farms was not named as a defendant in the litigation.*

On September 14, 2014, an antitrust class action lawsuit was filed against *National Milk Producers Federation, aka Cooperatives Working Together ("CWT"), Dairy Farmers of America Inc., Land O'Lakes, Inc., Dairy Lea Cooperative Inc., and Agri-Mark, Inc.* (collectively "Defendants") on behalf of all consumers who indirectly purchased milk and/or other fresh milk products for their own use from 2003 to September 14, 2014 as residents of the fifteen states at issue and Washington, D.C. Plaintiffs contend that Defendants violated the state antitrust laws of the following states: Arizona, California, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Plaintiffs alleged that CWT and its members engaged in a nationwide conspiracy to limit the production of raw farm milk, and thus increase the price of raw milk, through premature "herd retirements." These herd retirements required participating dairy farmers to destroy all of the dairy cows in all of their herds, and beginning on April 1, 2009, agree not to reenter dairy farming for at least one year. Plaintiffs allege that his conspiracy artificially inflated the price of milk and other fresh dairy products, including, cream, half & half, yogurt, cottage cheese, cream cheese, and sour cream. The defendants vigorously denied the plaintiffs allegations, any wrongdoing, and any liability to the claims.

On August 11, 2016 a settlement agreement was made whereas both the Plaintiffs and Defendants agreed that the agreement would not be deemed or construed to be an admission or evidence of the truth of any of the Plaintiffs' claims or allegations in the class action. In a final hearing on December 16, 2016, the United States District Court approved the settlement. The settlement *releases National Milk Producers Federation, aka Cooperatives Working Together (CWT), Dairy Farmers of America, Inc., Land O'Lakes, Inc., Dairy Lea Cooperative Inc., and Agri-Mark, Inc.* from the claims made in this litigation. The settlement amount was \$52,000,000. Individuals may receive between \$10 to \$20, entities may receive between \$280-\$560. The claim period ends on January 31, 2017.

For questions about the settlement or the claims process, consumers may contact the Settlement Administrator at 1-877-417-4561, via email at info@boughtmilk.com, or visit the official website for the Fresh Milk Products Price-Fixing Class Action Lawsuit. On this website are details about the litigation settlements. A federal court has approved the notices and forms on this site, and the administrator who runs the site operates under the supervision of class counsel. <http://www.boughtmilk.com/>



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