

# RCMA Coordinator States Case

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should be reimbursed the cost of hiring someone to milk his cows.

**FARMLAND CLAIMS:** RCMA is not bonded - that there is no guarantee of your RCMA milk check.

**THE FACT IS:** RCMA does not need to be bonded since it only has over-order premium money which you would not receive if it were not for RCMA. Farmland has to be bonded, not because it wants to be, but because the law requires it. Farmland operates on your money, sometimes owing dairymen for as much as 45 days' milk.

**FARMLAND CLAIMS:** It treats all producers equally and pays an additional 25 cents to Farmland RCMA members as well as non-RCMA members.

**RCMA ASKS:** Could it be coincidental that Farmland took this position shortly after a number of RCMA Farmland shippers in Wayne County, PA, notified Farmland that they were seeking another handler because Farmland was paying its shippers a 25-cent premium and only 9 cents to his shippers who were RCMA members? It brings to mind the old saying, "Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to

deceive." If it is worth the 75 cents per hundredweight premium that Farmland is paying producers and thousands of dollars in "hand-outs", it should be worth twice that much to dairymen to keep RCMA viable.

**FARMLAND CLAIMS:** The RCMA Board of Directors is comprised of co-op dairymen.

**THE FACT IS:** Four out of the 10 members of the RCMA Executive Committee are independent dairymen, and the Board is a mixture of both independent and cooperative dairymen.

**THE FACT IS:** The 25-cent premium that Farmland is paying its RCMA shippers is one-cent less than they should have paid on September milk and **THE FACT IS** that it is 24 cents less than the over-order premium RCMA would have been able to charge if all Northeast dairymen were supporting RCMA on September 1st.

**THE FACT IS:** That in New England, where the majority of producers are in co-ops and where 97% of the producers are RCMA members, milk handlers agreed to pay the full RCMA premium. Those producers received 37 cents per cwt. for their September milk compared to 9 cents in the rest of

the Northeast. These producers in New England have also agreed to share their premium monies with Federal Order #2 producers to prove RCMA would work. In addition, over-order pricing is now in effect in 30 western markets where the average over-order premium charged to handlers was 92 cents/cwt.

It is time for all dairymen to ask themselves a few questions. Where were the premiums before RCMA? Where will the premiums be without RCMA? Is it discrimination against a handler such as Farmland if they are asked to pay

the same over-order premium other handlers have agreed to pay?

The price of milk rose an average of 13 cents per gallon in New York when over-order pricing started. But only three cents of that increase can be attributed to the RCMA premiums. Where is the rest of that money going?

The future of Northeast dairy farming is now at stake. Are you going to be part of making it happen, or are you going to sell out for a few pennies that are here today and gone tomorrow? Can you produce milk for \$10.50/cwt?

Dr. Randall Torgerson, Administrator of USDA's Agricultural Cooperative Service, recently

said: "If dairymen of the Northeast as a whole allow RCMA to fail, they still don't have their act together and have no one but themselves to blame for lower milk prices."

Join with your neighbor and make over-order pricing and RCMA a reality before it is too late.




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