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**TO:** Retailers of Milk

**DATE:** December 22, 2000

**SUBJECT:** Announcement of threshold price relative to milk price gouging law,  
**effective JANUARY 2001**

**THRESHOLD PRICE**

Effective JANUARY 2001, threshold prices for milk, lowfat milk, or skim milk offered for retail sale in the state are:

	<u>Gallon</u>	<u>Half Gallon</u>	<u>Quart</u>
Metro Region: (NYC and Counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, Westchester, Orange, Putnam and Dutchess)	\$3.12	\$1.61	\$.84
Upstate Region: (Remaining Counties)	\$2.96	\$1.53	\$.80

A retailer who sells above the threshold price may be in violation of the law unless such selling price is justified as not being unconscionably excessive. Such justification includes net invoice price paid for the milk item plus actual costs incurred in handling and selling that milk item.

Compared to the previous threshold price, which was in effect from August to December 2000, January 2001 prices are up \$0.35 a gallon, \$0.18 a half gallon and \$0.09 a quart in both regions of the state. These changes are calculated from the base month that the previous threshold was calculated on, August 2000 (base Class I price at Syracuse, \$14.45/cwt.; at NYC, \$15.10/cwt.).