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**TO:** Retailers of Milk  
**DATE:** November 23, 2001  
**SUBJECT:** Announcement of threshold price relative to milk price gouging law,  
**effective DECEMBER 2001**

**THRESHOLD PRICE**

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

	<u>Gallon</u>	Half <u>Gallon</u>	<u>Quart</u>
Metro Region: (NYC and Counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, Westchester, Orange, Putnam and Dutchess)	\$2.81	\$1.45	\$.76
Upstate Region: (Remaining Counties)	\$2.64	\$1.37	\$.72

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 for October and November, prices are down \$0.68 a gallon, \$0.34 a half gallon and \$0.17 a quart in the Metro region. For the Upstate region, prices are down \$0.67 a gallon, \$0.33 a half gallon and \$0.17 a quart. These changes are calculated from the base month that the previous threshold was calculated on, October 2001 (base federal order Class I price: \$19.08/cwt. at NYC and \$18.43/cwt at Syracuse).