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**TO:** Retailers of Milk  
**DATE:** April 19, 2002  
**SUBJECT:** Announcement of threshold price relative to milk price gouging law,  
**effective MAY 2002**

**THRESHOLD PRICE**

Effective **MAY 2002**, 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)	\$2.68	\$1.39	\$.73
Upstate Region: (Remaining Counties)	\$2.52	\$1.31	\$.69

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 March and April, prices decreased \$0.07 a gallon, \$0.03 a half gallon and \$0.02 a quart in Metro NY and \$0.06 a gallon, \$0.03 a half gallon and \$0.02 a quart in Upstate NY. These changes are calculated from the base month that the previous threshold was calculated on, March 2002 (base federal order Class I price at 3.5% butterfat: \$14.77/cwt. at NYC and \$14.12/cwt at Syracuse).