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**TO:** Retailers of Milk  
**DATE:** December 22, 2006  
**SUBJECT:** Announcement of threshold price relative to milk price gouging law,  
**effective JANUARY 2007.**

For **JANUARY 2007**, 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)	\$3.14	\$1.62	\$0.84
Upstate Region: (Remaining Counties)	\$2.92	\$1.51	\$0.79

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 the same in October, November and December, prices increased \$0.20 a gallon, \$0.10 a half gallon and \$0.05 a quart in both Metro NY and Upstate NY. These changes are calculated from October 2006, the base month of the previous threshold, and reflect an increase of \$1.17 per hundredweight (\$0.101) in the underlying federal order Class I (fluid) milk price (3.5% butterfat). Compared to December 2006, the federal order Class I price increased \$1.16 per hundredweight (\$0.100/gallon). The threshold price is calculated by multiplying by two the total of two components, the minimum federal order price and the premium paid for Class I milk.