

their production to reduce burdensome supplies. The certificates represent diverted tonnage. Producers sell the certificates to handlers who, in turn, redeem the certificates with the RAC for raisins from the prior year's reserve pool. Authority for these changes to the regulations is provided in § 989.56(e) of the order.

Regarding the impact of this action on affected entities, the suspension of the November 30 meeting date and related extensions applicable to the 2003 diversion program were needed to provide flexibility in implementing the existing as well as any new provisions of a 2003 RDP. This action also allowed necessary review and evaluation of proposed provisions for such a program. Changes beginning with a 2003 RDP were recommended by the RAC. Ultimately, the RAC recommended a 2003 RDP on January 29, 2003, and USDA approved the program on February 7, 2003. Producer applications were due to the RAC office on March 3, 2003, and corrected applications were due March 17, 2003. Additional tonnage may be allotted to the RDP through May 1, 2003.

Extending the December 15 deadline for the redemption of 2002 NS RDP certificates was necessary, given the lack of sales of such certificates. The deadline was extended until February 3, 2003. Producers had more time to sell their certificates to handlers, and handlers had more time to redeem the certificates with the RAC. Equity holders in the 2001 NS reserve pool benefited from the extension. A 2002 field price for NS raisins was established in early January 2003, and more transactions regarding the RDP certificates were completed. Producers earned income when they sold the certificates to handlers. Handlers redeemed the certificates for reserve

raisins. Finally, equity holders in the 2002 NS reserve pool earned some return for the raisins allotted to the RDP.

This rule imposes no additional reporting or recordkeeping requirements on either small or large raisin handlers. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the information collection requirement referred to in this rule (*i.e.*, the RDP application) has been approved previously by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control No. 0581-0178. As with all Federal marketing order programs, reports and forms are periodically reviewed to reduce information requirements and duplication by industry and public sector agencies. Finally, USDA has not identified any relevant Federal rules that duplicate, overlap, or conflict with this rule. USDA initiated this action to facilitate administration of the order and help the raisin industry through this difficult time.

An interim final rule concerning this action was published in the **Federal Register** on November 29, 2002 (67 FR 71072). Copies of the rule were mailed by RAC staff to all RAC members and alternates, the RBA, handlers, and dehydrators. In addition, the rule was made available through the Internet by the Office of the Federal Register and USDA. That rule provided for a 60-day comment period that ended on January 28, 2003. No comments were received.

A small business guide on complying with fruit, vegetable, and specialty crop marketing agreements and orders may be viewed at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/moab.html>. Any questions about the compliance guide should be sent to Jay Guerber at the previously mentioned address in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

After consideration of all relevant material presented, and other available

information, it is hereby found that the order provision temporarily suspended does not tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act. It is further found that the continued extension of the deadlines specified in this rule tends to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 989

Grapes, Marketing agreements, Raisins, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

PART 989—RAISINS PRODUCED FROM GRAPES GROWN IN CALIFORNIA

Accordingly, the interim final rule amending CFR part 989 which was published at 67 FR 71072 on November 29, 2002, is adopted as a final rule without change.

Dated: March 14, 2003.

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[Docket No. AO-14-A69, et al.: DA-00-03]

Milk in the Northeast and Other Marketing Areas: Order Amending the Orders; Correction

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

7 CFR part	Marketing area	AO Nos.
1001	Northeast	AO-14-A69.
1005	Appalachian	AO-388-A11.
1006	Florida	AO-356-A34.
1007	Southeast	AO-366-A40.
1030	Upper Midwest	AO-361-A34.
1032	Central	AO-313-A43.
1033	Mideast	AO-166-A67.
1124	Pacific Northwest	AO-368-A27.
1126	Southwest	AO-231-A65.
1131	Arizona-Las Vegas	AO-271-A35.
1135	Western	AO-380-A17.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service is correcting the final rule that appeared in the **Federal Register** of February 12, 2003, which amended all Federal milk marketing orders based on

evidence received at a hearing held May 8-12, 2000, in Alexandria, Virginia. The document was published with an inadvertent error in Part 1030 regarding the computation of the statistical

uniform price for milk. This docket corrects the error.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2003.

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