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NMPF Statement on Cooperatives Working Together Settlement in Class Action Lawsuit

From Jim Mulhern, President and Chief Executive Officer

“The leadership of Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) has reached a settlement agreement in *Matthew Edwards et. al. v. National Milk Producers Federation*, the class action lawsuit filed against CWT and several other named cooperative defendants in 2011.

“Our CWT leadership team, with support from the CWT membership, has worked diligently to put this legacy issue behind us. Settlement of this litigation is the most sensible and responsible course of action to maintain the current CWT Export Assistance program and allow us to focus on the future.

“Under the terms of the agreement, CWT will pay \$52 million to the plaintiff class in a combination of cash and in-store loyalty cards to be used for the purchase of fresh milk products. It is important to note that the court has found no antitrust violation and CWT makes no admission of wrongdoing in this settlement. The activity at issue in this litigation — the herd retirement program — has long since been terminated by CWT.

“The CWT Program is poised for a quick rebound and a strong future. We will continue to focus on CWT’s present mission of providing member cooperatives with export assistance, creating new export market opportunities and continuing to look for innovative ways to increase sales of milk and dairy products for participating cooperatives.”