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RE: California FMMO 51 – organic utilization & publishing

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Dear Mr. Fredericks,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Western Organic Dairy Producers Alliance (WODPA) and supporters of organic dairy farmers regarding the reporting details of Federal Order 51. WODPA strives to preserve, protect, and ensure the sustainability and integrity of organic dairy farming by representing organic dairy farm families in the 12 Western states. WODPA is committed to advocating for organic dairies, their livelihoods and issues impacting the sustainability of the organic dairy industry.

Currently, there are three federal orders that produce monthly organic data including orders 1, 32 and 33 with order 32 showing organic milk sold outside of the order. To our understanding, Order 51 does not. We are asking that Order 51 publish monthly organic fluid milk utilization. We also would like to understand the reason that other classes of organic milk in the FMMO are not separated out or reported specifically for utilized *organic* milk other than Class 1. Do non-fluid plants record and provide organic utilization to the FMMO? What steps would be necessary to move forward with gathering this data?

We appreciate your time and attention to this topic, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

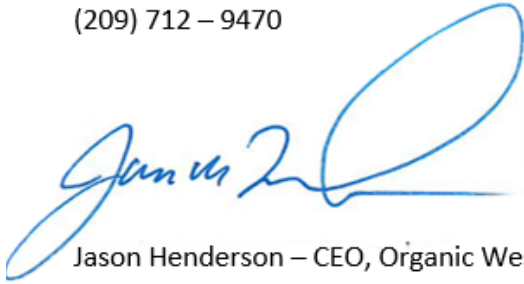
Thank you,



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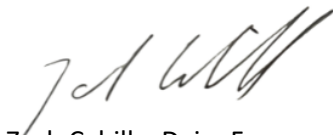
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