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To provide for the improved collection of data for organic dairy, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. PINGREE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “The Organic Dairy
5 Data Collection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVED DATA COLLECTION FOR ORGANIC**
7 **DAIRY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (re-
9 ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall provide sup-

1 port for regional and national programs to collect and
2 publish cost-of-production data for organic milk, including
3 data relating to—

4 (1) the costs of major organic feedstuffs, in-
5 cluding—

6 (A) corn;

7 (B) corn silage;

8 (C) soybeans;

9 (D) sorghum;

10 (E) oilseeds;

11 (F) small grains;

12 (G) forage crops;

13 (H) pasture;

14 (I) hay; and

15 (J) any other major organic feedstuff, as
16 determined by the Secretary;

17 (2) with respect to the costs described in para-
18 graph (1), prices for—

19 (A) major organic feedstuffs produced do-
20 mestically; and

21 (B) imported major organic feedstuffs; and

22 (3) all other costs relating to the production of
23 organic milk.

24 (b) ORGANIC ALL MILK PRICE SURVEY.—Not later
25 than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the

1 Secretary shall establish a survey, to be known as the “Or-
2 ganic All Milk Prices Survey”, which shall be analogous
3 to the existing All Milk Prices Survey of the National Ag-
4 ricultural Statistics Service, to gather and report monthly
5 data about the amounts that organic dairy farmers are
6 being paid for the organic milk produced by those organic
7 dairy farmers and the prices received for organic milk
8 cows, including—

9 (1) national data; and

10 (2) data relating to, at a minimum, the 6 re-
11 gions with the greatest quantity of organic dairy
12 production, as determined by the Secretary.

13 (c) ORGANIC MILK REPORTING.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
15 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
16 retary, using data collected by the National Agricul-
17 tural Statistics Service, the Economic Research
18 Service, or the Agricultural Marketing Service, shall
19 publish new periodic reports that include, or add to
20 existing periodic reports, data for organic milk,
21 which shall be equivalent to data reported for con-
22 ventionally produced milk.

23 (2) REQUIREMENT.—Reports published under
24 paragraph (1) shall include, at a minimum—

1 (A) organic cost-of-production data by
2 State;

3 (B) regional data relating to the quantity
4 of organic milk production;

5 (C) organic mailbox price for the 6 regions
6 with the greatest quantity of organic dairy pro-
7 duction, as determined by the Secretary; and

8 (D) major organic feedstuff prices.