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FARM Statement on Fair Oaks Farms

“The National Dairy Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (FARM) Program has established a rigorous framework of best practices to ensure the proper treatment of dairy animals. The program – created by veterinarians, animal welfare experts and farmers – does not condone dairy cattle mistreatment.

“Our initial audit of Fair Oaks Farms found the company’s training program met or exceeded requirements of the FARM animal care program. It included suggestions on additional employee shadowing to help ensure training compliance. We are conducting a follow-up audit of the farm to further review Fair Oaks Farms animal-care practices and supplement our initial audit.

“FARM remains vigilant in ensuring best practices for animal care. FARM applauds Fair Oaks Farms for proactively addressing the mistreatment that occurred. The program will continue to work with Fair Oaks to ensure full implementation of all corrective actions.”

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The National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF), based in Arlington, VA, develops and carries out policies that advance dairy producers and the cooperatives they own. NMPF’s member cooperatives produce the majority of U.S. milk, making NMPF the voice of dairy producers on Capitol Hill and with government agencies.

Created by the National Milk Producers Federation in partnership with Dairy Management Inc, the National Dairy FARM (Farmers Assuring Responsible Management) works with all U.S. dairy farmers, co-ops and processors, to demonstrate to dairy customers and consumers that the dairy industry is taking the very best care of cows and the environment, producing safe, wholesome milk and adhering to the highest standards of workforce development.