

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED)	
AMENDMENTS AND REPEALS OF RULES)	
THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)	STATEMENT OF NEEDS
GOVERNING THE DAIRY MONTHLY)	AND REASONABLENESS
REPORTS)	

I. INTRODUCTION

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture proposes to amend these rules to eliminate the need to publish a copy of the dairy monthly report form.

The Department had determined that the proposed amendments to the rules are noncontroversial and are supported by the industry because they receive monthly forms from the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The Department directs that the rulemaking proceedings be conducted in accordance with the statutory provisions governing the adoption of noncontroversial rules Minnesota Statutes, Section 14.22-14.28. Accordingly, the rulemaking proceedings on the proposed amendments are governed by the statute and no hearing will be conducted on the proposed amendment unless 25 or more persons submit to the Department a written request for such hearings.

II. GENERAL OVERVIEW

Minnesota Rules, Part 1525.1521 has required the publishing of a complete reporting form which is to be used by the industry to report statistical information on purchase, production, and sale of milk and dairy products. These forms do change with the addition and deletion of various products and so it has become standard practice that these forms are revised and furnished by the Department to all users. There is no longer a need to publish the form for their use which may also become incorrect as published until the Rules are again revised.

III. NEED AND REASONABLENESS OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN RULES

The requested amendment to Minnesota Rules, Part 1525.1521 will prevent the use of out-of-date forms and will allow the Commissioner to make corrections and adjustments in the forms as they become necessary. All users of the forms are supplied with current copies by the Agricultural Statistics Service. These forms collect statistical data required by law and this amendment will not change or allow to be changed any requirements for the collection of this information. The changes in the form will only relate to format and product listing.

The repealing of 1525.1520 eliminates the publishing of the complete form.

IV SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT

The amendment will apply to all sizes of business but is uniform no matter what the size of the business. The gathering of agricultural statistics must cover all business to allow for accurate reporting of all dairy plant activities in Minnesota.

There will be no change in current procedures as all forms are supplied to all businesses by the Department.