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Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2009 2:19 PM
To: ATR-Agricultural Workshops <agriculturalworkshops@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fw: Letter

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From: "alewyndairy@aol.com" <alewyndairy@aol.com>
To: evelyn_borba@yahoo.com
Sent: Wed, November 11, 2009 9:19:33 AM
Subject: Re: Letter

Thank you, looks great
Elane

-----Original Message-----

From: evelyn_borba@yahoo.com <evelyn_borba@yahoo.com>
To: Linda Lopes <Ldairy@aol.com>
Cc: alewyndairy@aol.com
Sent: Wed, Nov 11, 2009 7:33 am
Subject: Letter

Elane and Jack,

I have made some small changes. A couple of sentences were not on the same on the line and I put () around the word, "we". Check it out and let us know if it's ok...

From: alewyndairy@aol.com [mailto:alewyndairy@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 9:23 PM
To: editor@cowsandcrops.com
Subject: CDFA Emergency hearings

please forward to Linda Lopes:

Dear Linda Lopes,

I have never written this kind of letter before so here goes.

My name is Elane Alewyn, my husband Jack and I have been dairying here in the Chino Valley, in Southern California for 30 years. We milk approximately 1800 cows. During the past 30 years we have worked hard (with the help of our 3 kids), produced a quality product and paid the mortgage on our cows earning a fair amount of equity. Over the last 12 months we have borrowed back all of that equity plus more. We now owe more than we did in 1978 when we started. We rent the land our cows are on so the sale of land is not an option for us. If the price of milk does not increase we will go under and take feed brokers and service vendors with us. We have 15 employees that all have families, several have worked for us for more than 15 years. One man was hoping to retire in the next year.

Over the years the price of milk has gone up and down but we never thought of any other life. We have not increased our herd size since 2001 when we purchased an existing herd from our parents.

I would have liked to attend the CDFA Emergency hearing but cannot afford to leave the dairy. Thank you for attending the hearing and getting our story out. I have read at home on the Internet that processors like Kraft and Nestle were talking of no need to increase the price of milk and going

so far as saying that the dairy farmers could "ride it out" this is not the case. If something is not done immediately to increase the price of milk to the producer (we) and others dairies will go out of business and take other businesses that depend on dairying for income with us.

Thank you,

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