



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed amendments made to Chapter 901:11-1 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

The rules in this package amplify the statutory authority of the Department to regulate milk and milk products in the state of Ohio. Specifically, the rules in this package are being amended, rescinded, and established to remain consistent with the Federal Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO). The PMO sets minimum standards and requirements for Grade A milk. These standards are recommended by the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments, an industry group comprised of both state regulators and representatives from the dairy industry. The PMO is updated every two years, and the Department adopts the PMO and incorporates changes to ensure it is suitable for Ohio's farmers and consumers.

The hearing will be held on:

September 7, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

**Ohio Department of Agriculture
Bromfield Administration Building
Hearing Room 129 (Seminar "A")
8995 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399.**

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the no change rule package may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both, may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the no change rule package, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

More information on the rule package, including a business impact analysis and copies of the rules, can be found at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/proposedrules/proposedrules.aspx> or by visiting the Register of Ohio at www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

Any person who wishes to present his position, arguments, or contentions in writing, other than at the public hearing, may do so by either mailing his or her written comments to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, c/o Legal Section, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068; by email at ecomments@agri.ohio.gov, or by transmitting by facsimile at (614) 995-4585. Written comments sent by mail shall be postmarked no later than the day of the hearing. Written comments transmitted by facsimile shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

