

If you bought butter or cheese directly from a Foremost Farms USA Cheese Store between December 6, 2008 and July 31, 2013, a class action lawsuit may affect your rights.

What is the lawsuit about? The lawsuit claims that National Milk Producers Federation, Cooperatives Working Together (CWT), Dairy Farmers of America, Inc., Land O'Lakes, Inc. and Agri-Mark, Inc. ("collectively Defendants") violated the law by entering into a conspiracy to reduce milk output through a "herd retirement program," where farmers who bid to participate in the program sent their herds of milking cows to slaughter in exchange for payment, allegedly limiting the production of raw milk and driving up prices for butter and cheese. The Defendants deny that they did anything wrong. **The Court has not decided who is right.**

Who is included? The Court decided that the Class includes all persons and entities in the United States that purchased butter and/or cheese directly from one or more Members of Defendant, Cooperatives Working Together and/or their subsidiaries, during the period from December 6, 2008 to July 31, 2013. Those that are included are called "Class Members."

A list of all the Members of Cooperatives Working Together and their subsidiaries can be found at www.ButterandCheeseClassAction.com.

What are your options? If you are a Class Member, you must choose whether to stay in the Class. If you stay in the Class, and money or benefits are obtained, you will be notified about how you can participate. You will be bound by all orders and judgments of the Court, whether favorable or not, and you won't be able to sue the Defendants on your own for the claims at issue in this case. If you want to stay in the Class, **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO DO ANYTHING NOW.**

To exclude yourself from the lawsuit, you must send a letter asking to be excluded. Instructions for making this request can be found at the website or by calling the toll-free number below. You must mail your exclusion request postmarked on or before **July 30, 2018**. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get any money or benefits from this lawsuit, and you will not be bound by any orders or judgments in this case. If you do not request exclusion, you may (but do not have to) enter an appearance in the Court through your own counsel. Detailed information is available at the website and toll-free number listed below.