

**The Rainville-Parent Plan:**  
**A supply management proposal to address the dairy crisis and oversupply of milk**  
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This is a two part process starting with a short term action followed by a long term tool to manage the overproduction of milk and balance the supply and demand. This plan will cost the government very little money and will ultimately cost taxpayers significantly less money in the long run.

- 1.** The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture shall immediately call for a meeting of state commissioners of agriculture to discuss an immediate mandatory reduction in milk production to be administered through the Federal Milk Marketing Order administrator. We propose a 15% reduction for at least 6 months at which time the impact will be reviewed for price increases. If prices have not increased to at least the average national cost of production, the mandatory reduction will continue for another 6 months. This is only intended to be a short term solution and a long term solution to address oversupply must be developed and enacted.
  
- 2.** The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture shall immediately create a commission of dairy farmers to develop two proposed plans to manage the supply of milk production. This commission will include dairy farmers from each marketing order and the farmers will be from farms of all sizes. One of these plans must include a base excess, two-tiered system that provides market access entry to new farmers and has no value to the base (i.e., farmers can enter the market up to a certain level without having to purchase base). The two plans will then be proposed to all farmers to vote on in a democratic process. The proposal will be sent to each farmer by the Federal Milk Marketing Order administrator. The top proposal will then be sent to Congress to be introduced and voted upon.

Please feel free to contact us for more details.

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