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TO: Director, Office of State Cooperative Programs
Attn: Office of State Cooperative Programs, Division of Milk Safety
Management and Staff

FROM: Milk and Milk Products Branch (HFS-316)

SUBJECT: Grade "A" Milk Search (GAMS) System

The Grade "A" Milk Search (GAMS) System is a searchable database that contains FDA's Grade "A" Milk Memoranda (IMS-a's, M-l's, M-a's, and M-b's) documents. It is an efficient application with advanced search capabilities allowing stakeholders to access a library of information within the Grade "A" Milk Program. The GAMS System supports FDA's Milk Safety Cooperative Program by serving as a resource to state and local milk regulatory/rating agencies, the dairy industry and other interested parties in the safe production of milk and milk products through the application of science-based food safety principles on the farm and at all stages through the processing chain.

The GAMS System searchable database is now available at the FDA Web Site: <https://gams.fda.gov/> and includes search capabilities with basic and advanced functions with options to allow for additional search fields, including document title/subject, type of memoranda and specific date ranges.

An accessible user's guide is provided within the GAMS System "GAMS (Grade "A" Milk Search) System User Guide for External Users" by clicking the question mark icon located at top right side of the page.

An electronic version of this memorandum is available for distribution to FDA Milk Specialists, Milk Regulatory/Rating Agencies, Laboratory Evaluation Officers and Milk Sanitation Rating Officers. The electronic version should be widely distributed to representatives of the dairy industry and other interested parties and will be available on the FDA Web Site at: <https://gams.fda.gov/> at a later date.

If you would like an electronic version of this document prior to it being available on the FDA Web Site, please e-mail your request to Monica.Metz@fda.hhs.gov.

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