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Statement from NMPF President and CEO Jim Mulhern on FDA Announcements Regarding Labeling of Food from Genetically Engineered Sources

ARLINGTON, VA – "We commend the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for releasing recommendations on the voluntary labeling of food made from genetically engineered foods. Once again, FDA has confirmed the safety of these products.

"Furthermore, we are heartened by FDA's rejection of a petition seeking mandatory labeling of foods made with genetically modified ingredients. FDA's rejection of the petition is a strong reaffirmation of the sound science policy underlying FDA's approval process. Only products found to be safe for human or animal use should be approved. And if they are approved as safe, there is no basis for mandatory labeling."

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The National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF), based in Arlington, VA, develops and carries out policies that advance the well being of dairy producers and the cooperatives they own. The members of NMPF's cooperatives produce the majority of the U.S. milk supply, making NMPF the voice of more than 32,000 dairy producers on Capitol Hill and with government agencies. For more on NMPF's activities, visit our website at www.nmpf.org.