#### 01 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

**015 MAINE MILK COMMISSION**

**Chapter 26: PRODUCER MARGINS**

### SUMMARY: This rule identifies the cost of producing milk in Maine based on a study of Maine conditions.

1. **Average Short-run Break-even price for all farms**. The average short-run break-even price for all farms is **$28.49/cwt** as was calculated in *Determining the Current Cost of Producing Milk in Maine in 2022: Results from the 2023 Cost of Production Study*.
2. **Farms at four different levels of production**. Four different tiers of annual production by farms detailing the cost of producing milk in Maine were determined by the *2023 Cost of Production Study as* required by 7 M.R.S. § 3153-B(3).
3. **Target prices**. The four short-run break-even target prices were amended by the 131st Maine Legislature through the passage of LD 2188 and are set forth in the chart below:

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| **Tier:** | **Annual Production Range:** | **Target Price:** |
| **Small Farm** | **0 – 16,790 hundredweight** | **$24.51** |
| **Medium Farm** | **Over 16,790 to 49,079 hundredweight** | **$23.37** |
| **Large Farm** | **Over 49,079 to 76,800 hundredweight** | **$22.60** |
| **Very Large Farm** | **Over 76,800 hundredweight** | **$21.88** |

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