“Forces Shaping the U.S. Dairy Industry”
A Workshop

Sponsored by: Economic Research Service and the Farm Foundation
September 25, 2002, Waugh Auditorium

8:30am    Registration and Coffee

9:00am    Welcome and Overview of Developing ERS Dairy Research Objectives—
Neil Conklin, Director, Market and Trade Economics Division (MTED)

9:30am    Farm-level Structural changes
Don Blayney—ERS (introductions)
John Smith—Kansas State University
Bob Cropp—University of Wisconsin-Madison
Short Q and A

10:15am   Changing markets and "demands"(including processing/manufacturing
structural change and potential international factors
Jim Miller—ERS (introductions)
Larry Hamm—Michigan State
Mark Stephenson—Cornell
Short Q and A

11:00am   Dairy policy
Janet Perry—ERS (introductions)
Hal Harris—Clemson University
Bruce Gardner—University of Maryland
Short Q and A

Noon-1pm  Lunch (catered in ERS Building)

Three smaller group meetings during the lunch break to further discuss topics of the morning sessions. Individual “leaders” to direct the discussion and report back at the beginning of the afternoon session.
1:15  ERS involvement in recent projects
Don Blayney—(moderator)

1. Short summary of lunch-time discussions

2. Dairy studies mandated by 2002 Farm Act
   Mary Anne Normile--ERS plans for carrying out the mandated studies

   Discussion of the plan, comments and Q and A

2:30pm  BREAK

3:00pm  Information exchange and wrap-up
Don Blayney( introductions):

Mary Bohman, Deputy Director for Research, MTED—Wrap-up comments/observations

4:00pm  Adjourn