

Still want to bid on creamery? You may need at least \$550,000 more than Foster Farms offer

Court asked to approve auction details

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Any entity still interested in purchasing the assets of Humboldt Creamery, not including a Los Angeles facility and a Loleta warehouse, would have to perhaps outbid Foster Farms Dairy at an expected Au-

gust 11 auction by at least \$550,000.

A motion has been filed with the US bankruptcy court asking for a \$300,000 breakup fee if a \$20.5 million bid by Foster Farms Dairy is outbid. The proposed motion was filed by the attorneys for

Humboldt Creamery, LLC and a motion on the bid and sale procedures is scheduled for July 27 in Santa Rosa.

In addition to the proposed breakup fee, which would be paid to Foster Farms, the motion proposes that initial bids

would have to be at least \$250,000 more than that offered by Foster Farms. Bid increments by competing entities are proposed at \$100,000.

Meanwhile, according to court documents, "no acceptable offers" on the creamery's LA facility or Loleta warehouse have been received.

"The estate might still benefit from an auction of other assets," states a filed motion by the creamery, asking that the court approve the acceptance of offers with a deadline of 5 pm on July 31.

In the spring, creamery officials put the LA ice cream novelty producing plant on the

market for an estimated \$10 million. The motion asks the court to approve minimum bids of \$2.5 million and a minimum of \$250,000 for the Loleta facility. Bid increments are proposed at \$20,000 for LA and \$5,000 for Loleta.