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ANNOUNCEMENT OF MINIMUM CLASS AND COMPONENT PRICES: *FINAL* # February 2002

	Pacific		Pacific Northwest & Western		
	Northwest	Western	Class II	Class III	Class IV
	Class I *				
Skim 1/	\$ 8.89	\$ 8.89	\$ 7.69	\$ 7.04	\$ 6.95
Butterfat 2/	\$ 1.5050	\$ 1.5050	\$ 1.3887	\$ 1.3817	\$ 1.3817
Protein 2/				\$ 2.0884	
Other Solids /2				\$ 0.0965	
Nonfat Solids 2/			\$ 0.8544		\$ 0.7721
@ 3.5% Butterfat 1/ 3/	\$ 13.85	\$ 13.85	\$ 12.28	\$ 11.63	\$ 11.54
Processor Assessment **	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.20			
Total 1/	\$ 14.05	\$ 14.05			

Arizona-Las Vegas

	Class I *	Class II	Class III	Class IV
Skim 1/	\$ 9.34	\$ 7.69	\$ 7.04	\$ 6.95
Butterfat 2/	\$ 1.5095	\$ 1.3887	\$ 1.3817	\$ 1.3817
@ 3.5% Butterfat 1/ 3/	\$ 14.30	\$ 12.28	\$ 11.63	\$ 11.54
Processor Assessment **	\$ 0.20			
Total 1/	\$ 14.50			

Supplemental Price Data From NASS Surveys			FO 124 & FO 135 Only	
Surveys Included: 2/2/02 to 2/23/02	Average Price	Total Pounds of Product	PRODUCER COMPONENT PRICES 2/	
Grade AA Butter	\$ 1.2480	19,705,727	Butterfat	\$ 1.3817
Cheese 40 Lb. Blocks	\$ 1.2904	29,936,994		
Cheese 500 Lb. Barrels	\$ 1.2590	49,788,461		
Cheese, Average	\$ 1.2895	79,725,455	Protein	\$ 2.0884
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$ 0.9121	84,878,121		
Dry Whey	\$ 0.2334	47,327,674	Other Solids	\$ 0.0965

Pacific Northwest (FO 124) & Western Order (FO 135) price milk on the basis of multiple components.

Arizona-Las Vegas (FO 131) prices milk on the basis of butterfat and skim.

* Subject to applicable location adjustments.

** The processor assessment is an obligation under the Fluid Milk Promotion Order (7CFR § 1160.101 et seq.).

The Order requires that all persons who process and market more than 500,000 pounds of fluid milk products in consumer-type packages in the contiguous 48 States of the continental United States and the District of Columbia be assessed 20 cents per hundredweight on all marketings of such packaged fluid milk products during the month.

1/ Per hundredweight. 2/ Per pound. 3/ 0.965 multiplied by skim price, plus 3.5 multiplied by butterfat price.

For Information Purposes Only. Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate is 0.00064.

**# These prices were
 computed using the formulas in the U.S. District Court's preliminary injunction order dated January 31, 2001.**

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Regional Milk Production Costs, January 2002 and February 2002 1/ Dollars Per Hundredweight

Region	Total Cash Expenses		Total Economic Costs	
	Jan. 2/	Feb.	Jan. 2/	Feb.
Northeast	\$ 14.01	\$ 14.12	\$ 19.14	\$ 19.32
Southeast	\$ 13.92	\$ 14.02	\$ 17.64	\$ 17.84
Upper Midwest	\$ 12.95	\$ 13.02	\$ 17.86	\$ 18.02
Corn Belt	\$ 13.80	\$ 13.89	\$ 19.88	\$ 20.05
Southern Plains	\$ 12.25	\$ 12.33	\$ 15.67	\$ 15.80
Pacific	\$ 9.17	\$ 9.22	\$ 10.96	\$ 11.04

1/ The reporting of this data was necessitated by the requirement in the Agricultural Appropriations Bill to include milk cost of production (COP) data on the BFP announcement. Regions are defined as: Northeast -- New York, Pennsylvania, and Vermont; Southeast -- Florida and Georgia; Upper Midwest -- Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin; Corn Belt -- Iowa, Missouri, and Ohio; Southern Plains -- Texas; Pacific -- Arizona, California, and Washington.

2/ Revised from February 1, 2002, announcement due to changes in milk production, producer price indexes, corn market price, and economic indicators for the U.S. economy.

Source: United States Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service. For further information, contact Sara Short, 202-694-5588.