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FEDERAL MILK ORDERS 124, 131 & 135

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

March 2001

	Pacific		Pacific Northwest & Western		
	Northwest	Western			
	Class I *		Class II	Class III	Class IV
Skim 1/	\$ 9.76	\$ 9.76	\$ 8.56	\$ 5.73	\$ 7.85
Butterfat 2/	\$ 1.4673	\$ 1.4673	\$ 1.6890	\$ 1.6820	\$ 1.6820
Protein 2/				\$ 1.6498	
Other Solids /2				\$ 0.1039	
Nonfat Solids 2/			\$ 0.9511		\$ 0.8727
@ 3.5% Butterfat 1/ 3/	\$ 14.55	\$ 14.55	\$ 14.17	\$ 11.42	\$ 13.46
Processor Assessment **	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.20			
Total 1/	\$ 14.75	\$ 14.75			

Arizona-Las Vegas

	Class I *	Class II	Class III	Class IV
Skim 1/	\$ 10.21	\$ 8.56	\$ 5.73	\$ 7.85
Butterfat 2/	\$ 1.4718	\$ 1.6890	\$ 1.6820	\$ 1.6820
@ 3.5% Butterfat 1/ 3/	\$ 15.00	\$ 14.17	\$ 11.42	\$ 13.46
Processor Assessment **	\$ 0.20			
Total 1/	\$ 15.20			

Supplemental Price Data From NASS Surveys			FO 124 & FO 135 Only	
Surveys Included: 3/3/01 to 3/24/01	Average Price	Total Pounds of Product	PRODUCER COMPONENT PRICES	
Grade AA Butter	\$ 1.4942	20,009,266	Butterfat	\$ 1.6820
Cheese 40 Lb. Blocks	\$ 1.2434	25,520,978		
Cheese 500 Lb. Barrels	\$ 1.2658	34,976,393		
Cheese, Average	\$ 1.2737	60,497,371	Protein	\$ 1.6498
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$ 1.0127	81,873,421		
Dry Whey	\$ 0.2406	45,973,020	Other Solids	\$ 0.1039

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, February 2001 and March 2001 1/ Dollars Per Hundredweight

Region	Total Cash Expenses		Total Economic Costs	
	Feb. 2/	Mar.	Feb. 2/	Mar.
Northeast	\$ 15.06	\$ 15.00	\$ 19.98	\$ 19.93
Southeast	\$ 14.69	\$ 14.71	\$ 18.36	\$ 18.38
Upper Midwest	\$ 13.76	\$ 13.68	\$ 18.37	\$ 18.32
Corn Belt	\$ 14.62	\$ 14.56	\$ 20.47	\$ 20.42
Southern Plains	\$ 12.90	\$ 12.90	\$ 16.19	\$ 16.19
Pacific	\$ 9.66	\$ 9.66	\$ 11.31	\$ 11.31

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 March 2, 2001, 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.