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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES AND RELATED DATA FOR MARCH 2001

	Market Class I Differential Rate	Class I Prices <sup>1/</sup>		
		Skim Milk (Per cwt.)	Butterfat (Per Pound)	3.5% BF (Per cwt.)
<b>Base Zone</b>	<b>\$ 1.80</b>	<b>\$ 9.66</b>	<b>\$ 1.4663</b>	<b>\$ 14.45</b>
Other Zones	\$ 1.75	\$ 9.61	\$ 1.4658	\$ 14.40
	1.70	9.56	1.4653	14.35
	1.65	9.51	1.4648	14.30
	1.60	9.46	1.4643	14.25
<b>Class II Prices</b>	Nonfat Solids		(Per pound)	\$ 0.9511
	Butterfat		(Per pound)	1.6890
	Skim Milk		(Per cwt.)	8.56
	3.50% BF		(Per cwt.)	14.17
<b>Class III Prices</b>	Protein		(Per pound)	\$ 1.6498
	Other Solids		(Per pound)	0.1039
	Butterfat		(Per pound)	1.6820
	Skim Milk		(Per cwt.)	5.73
	3.50% BF		(Per cwt.)	11.42
<b>Class IV Prices</b>	Nonfat Solids		(Per pound)	\$ 0.8727
	Butterfat		(Per pound)	1.6820
	Skim Milk		(Per cwt.)	7.85
	3.50% BF		(Per cwt.)	13.46
<b>Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate</b>			(Per cwt. per 1,000 SCC)	\$ 0.00064

### Factors Used in Prices for March 2001

Advanced Class III Skim Milk Price	(Per cwt.)	\$ 5.36
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Price	(Per cwt.)	7.86
Class I Skim Milk Price Mover	(Per cwt.)	\$ 7.86
Advanced Butterfat Price	(Per pound)	1.4483

			2-Week Average	Monthly Average
NASS Survey Prices	Butter	(Per pound)	\$ 1.3026	\$ 1.4942
	Cheese	(Per pound)	1.1402	1.2737
	Dry Whey	(Per pound)	0.2603	0.2406
	Nonfat Dry Milk	(Per pound)	1.0135	1.0127
Component Prices	Butterfat	(Per pound)	\$ 1.4483	\$ 1.6820
	Protein	(Per pound)	1.4911	1.6498
	Other Solids	(Per pound)	0.1243	0.1039
	Nonfat Solids	(Per pound)	0.8735	0.8727

**ADVANCED CLASS PRICES AND RELATED DATA  
FOR APRIL 2001**

	Market Class I Differential Rate	Class I Prices <sup>1/</sup>		
		Skim Milk (Per cwt.)	Butterfat (Per Pound)	3.5% BF (Per cwt.)
<b>Base Zone</b>	<b>\$ 1.80</b>	<b>\$ 9.66</b>	<b>\$ 1.6902</b>	<b>\$ 15.24</b>
Other Zones	\$ 1.75	\$ 9.61	\$ 1.6897	\$ 15.19
	1.70	9.56	1.6892	15.14
	1.65	9.51	1.6887	15.09
	1.60	9.46	1.6882	15.04
<b>Class II Nonfat Solids Price</b>			(Per pound)	\$ 0.9511
<b>Class II Skim Milk Price</b>			(Per cwt.)	\$ 8.56
<b>Factors Used in Prices for April 2001</b>				
Advanced Class III Skim Milk Price			(Per cwt.)	\$ 5.80
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Price			(Per cwt.)	7.86
Class I Skim Milk Price Mover			(Per cwt.)	\$ 7.86
Advanced Butterfat Price			(Per pound)	1.6722
NASS Survey Prices -- Two-Week Average				
Butter			(Per pound)	\$ 1.4862
Cheese			(Per pound)	1.2769
Dry Whey			(Per pound)	0.2406
Nonfat Dry Milk			(Per pound)	1.0132
Advanced Component Prices				
Butterfat			(Per pound)	\$ 1.6722
Protein			(Per pound)	1.6734
Other Solids			(Per pound)	0.1039
Nonfat Solids			(Per pound)	0.8732

**REGIONAL MILK PRODUCTION COSTS, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2001 <sup>2/</sup>**

Region	Total Cash Expenses		Total Economic Costs	
	February 3/ (Per cwt.)	March (Per cwt.)	February 3/ (Per cwt.)	March (Per cwt.)
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

**Estimated Utilization of Producer Milk in Class I**

(Pursuant to § 1030.45(a))

March 2001	Class I Skim Milk	21%	Class I Butterfat	9%
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1/ There is also a \$0.20 per cwt. processor assessment which is an obligation under the Fluid Milk Promotion Order (7 CFR §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 \$0.20 per cwt. on all marketings of such packaged fluid products during the month.

2/ United States Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service. For further information, contact Sarah Short, 202-694-5588. 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.

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