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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES AND RELATED DATA FOR MARCH 2002

	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>\$ 8.90</b>	<b>\$ 1.3797</b>	<b>\$ 13.42</b>
Other Zones	\$ 1.75	\$ 8.85	\$ 1.3792	\$ 13.37
	1.70	8.80	1.3787	13.32
	1.65	8.75	1.3782	13.27
	1.60	8.70	1.3777	13.22
<b>Class II Prices</b>				
	Nonfat Solids		(Per pound)	\$ 0.8511
	Butterfat		(Per pound)	1.3708
	Skim Milk		(Per cwt.)	7.66
	3.50% BF		(Per cwt.)	12.19
<b>Class III Prices</b>				
	Protein		(Per pound)	\$ 1.8342
	Other Solids		(Per pound)	0.0688
	Butterfat		(Per pound)	1.3638
	Skim Milk		(Per cwt.)	6.09
	3.50% BF		(Per cwt.)	10.65
<b>Class IV Prices</b>				
	Nonfat Solids		(Per pound)	\$ 0.7660
	Butterfat		(Per pound)	1.3638
	Skim Milk		(Per cwt.)	6.89
	3.50% BF		(Per cwt.)	11.42
<b>Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate</b>				
			(Per cwt. per 1,000 SCC)	\$ 0.00060

### Factors Used in Prices for March 2002

Advanced Class III Skim Milk Price	(Per cwt.)	\$ 7.10
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Price	(Per cwt.)	6.96
Class I Skim Milk Price Mover	(Per cwt.)	\$ 7.10
Advanced Butterfat Price	(Per pound)	1.3617

			<u>2-Week Average</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
NASS Survey Prices	Butter	(Per pound)	\$ 1.2316	\$ 1.2333
	Cheese	(Per pound)	1.2862	1.2087
	Dry Whey	(Per pound)	0.2347	0.2066
	Nonfat Dry Milk	(Per pound)	0.9133	0.9060
Component Prices	Butterfat	(Per pound)	\$ 1.3617	\$ 1.3638
	Protein	(Per pound)	2.1027	1.8342
	Other Solids	(Per pound)	0.0978	0.0688
	Nonfat Solids	(Per pound)	0.7733	0.7660

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**ADVANCED CLASS PRICES AND RELATED DATA  
FOR APRIL 2002**

	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>\$ 8.71</b>	<b>\$ 1.3913</b>	<b>\$ 13.27</b>
Other Zones	\$ 1.75	\$ 8.66	\$ 1.3908	\$ 13.22
	1.70	8.61	1.3903	13.17
	1.65	8.56	1.3898	13.12
	1.60	8.51	1.3893	13.07
<b>Class II Nonfat Solids Price</b>			(Per pound)	\$ 0.8456
<b>Class II Skim Milk Price</b>			(Per cwt.)	\$ 7.61
<b>Factors Used in Prices for April 2002</b>				
Advanced Class III Skim Milk Price			(Per cwt.)	\$ 5.98
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Price			(Per cwt.)	6.91
Class I Skim Milk Price Mover			(Per cwt.)	\$ 6.91
Advanced Butterfat Price			(Per pound)	1.3733
NASS Survey Prices -- Two-Week Average				
Butter			(Per pound)	\$ 1.2411
Cheese			(Per pound)	1.2008
Dry Whey			(Per pound)	0.2077
Nonfat Dry Milk			(Per pound)	0.9074
Advanced Component Prices				
Butterfat			(Per pound)	\$ 1.3733
Protein			(Per pound)	1.7949
Other Solids			(Per pound)	0.0699
Nonfat Solids			(Per pound)	0.7674

**REGIONAL MILK PRODUCTION COSTS, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2002 2/**

Region	Total Cash Expenses		Total Economic Costs	
	February 3/ (Per cwt.)	March (Per cwt.)	February 3/ (Per cwt.)	March (Per cwt.)
Northeast	\$ 14.14	\$ 14.21	\$ 19.34	\$ 19.44
Southeast	14.05	14.11	17.87	17.96
Upper Midwest	13.05	13.06	18.04	18.11
Corn Belt	13.92	13.97	20.07	20.16
Southern Plains	12.37	12.42	15.85	15.92
Pacific	9.25	9.28	11.07	11.13

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

(Pursuant to § 1030.45(a))

March 2002	Class I Skim Milk	20%	Class I Butterfat	8%
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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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