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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES AND RELATED DATA
FOR MARCH 2000**

	Market Class I Differential Rate	Class I Prices ^{1/}		
		Skim Milk (Per cwt.)	Butterfat (Per Pound)	3.5% BF (Per cwt.)
Base Zone	\$ 1.80	\$ 9.51	\$ 0.9893	\$ 12.64
Other Zones	\$ 1.75	\$ 9.46	\$ 0.9888	\$ 12.59
	1.70	9.41	0.9883	12.54
	1.65	9.36	0.9878	12.49
	1.60	9.31	0.9873	12.44
Class II Prices	Nonfat Solids		(Per pound)	\$ 0.9344
	Butterfat		(Per pound)	1.0261
	Skim Milk		(Per cwt.)	8.41
	3.50% BF		(Per cwt.)	11.71
Class III Prices	Protein		(Per pound)	\$ 1.9166
	Other Solids		(Per pound)	0.0424
	Butterfat		(Per pound)	1.0191
	Skim Milk		(Per cwt.)	6.19
	3.50% BF		(Per cwt.)	9.54
Class IV Prices	Nonfat Solids		(Per pound)	\$ 0.8553
	Butterfat		(Per pound)	1.0191
	Skim Milk		(Per cwt.)	7.70
	3.50% BF		(Per cwt.)	11.00
Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate			(Per cwt. per 1,000 SCC)	\$ 0.00055

Factors Used in Prices for March 2000

Advanced Class III Skim Milk Price	(Per cwt.)	\$ 6.38
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Price	(Per cwt.)	7.71
Class I Skim Milk Price Mover	(Per cwt.)	\$ 7.71
Advanced Butterfat Price	(Per pound)	0.9713

			2-Week Average	Monthly Average
NASS Survey Prices	Butter	(Per pound)	\$ 0.9105	\$ 0.9497
	Cheese	(Per pound)	1.1084	1.1093
	Dry Whey	(Per pound)	0.1800	0.1780
	Nonfat Dry Milk	(Per pound)	1.0104	1.0094
Component Prices	Butterfat	(Per pound)	\$ 0.9713	\$ 1.0191
	Protein	(Per pound)	1.9747	1.9166
	Other Solids	(Per pound)	0.0444	0.0424
	Nonfat Solids	(Per pound)	0.8563	0.8553

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**ADVANCED CLASS PRICES AND RELATED DATA
FOR APRIL 2000**

	Market Class I Differential Rate	Class I Prices ^{1/}		
		Skim Milk (Per cwt.)	Butterfat (Per Pound)	3.5% BF (Per cwt.)
Base Zone	\$ 1.80	\$ 9.50	\$ 1.0169	\$ 12.73
Other Zones	\$ 1.75	\$ 9.45	\$ 1.0164	\$ 12.68
	1.70	9.40	1.0159	12.63
	1.65	9.35	1.0154	12.58
	1.60	9.30	1.0149	12.53
Class II Nonfat Solids Price			(Per pound)	\$ 0.9333
Class II Skim Milk Price			(Per cwt.)	\$ 8.40
Factors Used in Prices for April 2000				
Advanced Class III Skim Milk Price			(Per cwt.)	\$ 6.24
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Price			(Per cwt.)	7.70
Class I Skim Milk Price Mover			(Per cwt.)	\$ 7.70
Advanced Butterfat Price			(Per pound)	0.9989
NASS Survey Prices -- Two-Week Average				
Butter			(Per pound)	\$ 0.9331
Cheese			(Per pound)	1.1073
Dry Whey			(Per pound)	0.1771
Nonfat Dry Milk			(Per pound)	1.0098
Advanced Component Prices				
Butterfat			(Per pound)	\$ 0.9989
Protein			(Per pound)	1.9356
Other Solids			(Per pound)	0.0414
Nonfat Solids			(Per pound)	0.8557

REGIONAL MILK PRODUCTION COSTS, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2000 ^{2/}

Region	Total Cash Expenses		Total Economic Costs	
	February 3/ (Per cwt.)	March (Per cwt.)	February 3/ (Per cwt.)	March (Per cwt.)
Northeast	\$ 14.52	\$ 14.79	\$ 19.40	\$ 19.72
Southeast	14.21	14.44	18.05	18.33
Upper Midwest	13.36	13.54	17.98	18.21
Corn Belt	14.15	14.36	19.96	20.22
Southern Plains	12.51	12.69	15.84	16.07
Pacific	9.38	9.50	11.06	11.21

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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