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USDA Issues Recommended Decision Amending Producer-Handler Definitions

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently issued a recommended decision to adopt amendments to the producer-handler definition in all Federal milk marketing orders. This decision is based on testimony and evidence given at a public hearing held May 4-19 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The decision recommends that the producer-handler definitions of all Federal milk marketing orders be amended to limit exemption from pooling and pricing provisions of the orders to those producer-handlers with total route disposition of fluid milk products of 3 million pounds or less per month. The exempt plant definition would continue to limit disposition of Class I milk products to 150,000 pounds or less per month.

Comments on the decision must be submitted on or before December 21, 2009.

All comments received will be posted electronically without change, including any personal information provided. Three copies of your comments should be filed with the Hearing Clerk at the following

address:

Hearing Clerk U. S. Department of Agriculture STOP 9200-Room 1031 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20250-1031

Comments may also be electronically submitted at the Federal eRulemaking portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Reference should be made to the title of the action and docket number.

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Pool Summary

- ➤ In September, producer milk totaled 2.39 billion pounds, down 254 million pounds from August, and 137 million pounds below September 2008.
- ➤ Class I utilization totaled 371 million pounds, up 8% on a daily basis from August. Class I usage accounted for 15.5% of producer milk.
- Class III utilization totaled 1.8 billion

- pounds and accounted for 76.3% of producer milk.
- The September Producer Price Differential (PPD) is \$0.03 per cwt.
- ➤ The Statistical Uniform Price is \$12.14 per cwt., up \$0.82 from August, but \$4.71 below September 2008.
- ➤ Market statistics for September are shown on Pages 4 and 5.

September 2009 Producer Milk by Class

		Product	
	Percent	Pounds	Price
			\$/cwt.
Class I	15.5	371,020,317	12.73
Class II	7.0	166,935,329	11.01
Class III	76.3	1,828,372,186	12.11
Class IV	1.2	28,242,851	11.15
Total		2,394,570,683	

U.S. Milk Production Down

September Down 0.7%

Estimated United States milk production during September totaled 15.0 billion pounds, down 0.7% from September 2008. U.S. production per cow is estimated at 1,647 pounds for September, up 24 pounds, or 1.5%, from a year earlier. The estimated number of cows on U.S. farms in September was 9.1 million head, 197,000 head less than September 2008.

For the top six milk producing states,

production in September 2009, compared to September 2008, was up 5.2% in Wisconsin, 3.9% in Minnesota, and 1.0% in Pennsylvania, but down 6.4% in California, 2.3% in Idaho, and 1.4% in New York.

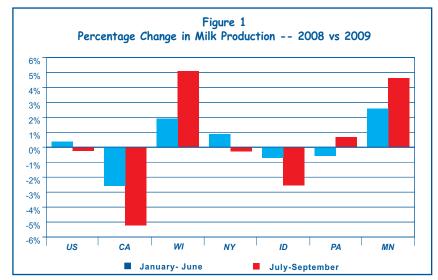
July-September Decreased

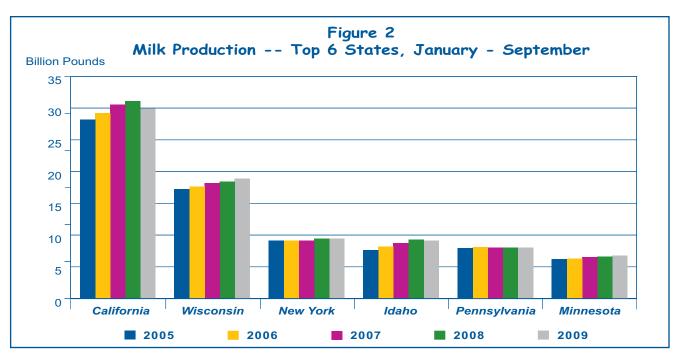
U.S. milk production for the first nine months of 2009 was up 0.2% from the same period in 2008, adjusted for leap year (see Table 1 below).

However, July-September production decreased by 0.3%, compared to an increase of 0.4% for the January-June period (see Figure 1). As shown in Figure 1, production losses from the previous year accelerated in the third quarter in California and Idaho, but gains accelerated in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

It is likely that the decrease in milk production in the third quarter of 2009 is one of several factors for the recent recovery in dairy commodity prices. (See the related article on Page 3.)







Cheese and Butter Prices Increase

Prices for cheddar cheese on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) increased about 10¢ from mid-September to mid-October. The butter price on the CME was up 3¢.

As can be seen in the graph below, the CME barrel and block prices retreated slightly after they had risen to this year's high of \$1.45\(^3\)/4 and \$1.50\(^3\)/4 per pound, respectively. The barrel price on October 20 was \$1.42\(^1\)/4 per pound, up 11\(\varphi\) from September 21, while the 40-

pound block price of \$1.43 per pound was up $7\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ in that time frame. Barrel and block prices, however, were more than 35¢ below year-earlier levels.

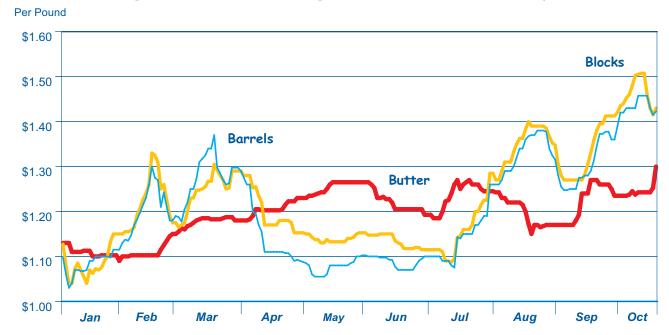
The CME butter price also rose to this year's high of \$1.30 per pound on October 20, up 3ϕ from September 21. The year-earlier level for the CME butter was \$1.74 per pound, nearly 45ϕ above the current level.

Nonfat dry milk prices on the CME on

October 20 were \$1.26 per pound for Extra Grade and $$1.31\frac{1}{2}$ per pound for Grade A, up 26ϕ and $27\frac{1}{2}\phi$, respectively, from September 21. The Extra Grade and Grade A prices are above year-earlier levels by 26ϕ and 31ϕ , respectively.

The September Federal order Class III price was \$12.11 per cwt., up 91¢ from August, but \$4.17 below September 2008. The CME Class III futures prices for 2010 trend upwards and range from \$14.70 to \$15.70 per cwt.

Chicago Mercantile Exchange -- Selected 2009 Dairy Prices *



^{*} Prices depicted are per pound for each day in 2009 that trading occured through October 20.

Upper Midwest Pool Statistics - September 2009

Market Class I Differential Rate	Pool Plants	Received at Pool Plants	Diverted to Pool and Nonpool Plants	Total	Location Adjustment to Producers		Differential andlers
Cwt.	Number	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
\$1.80	4	77,268,203	28,965,672	106,233,875	\$ -	78,725,330	\$ 1,417,056
\$1.75	38	176,872,809	1,039,686,843	1,216,559,652	608,280	148,959,153	2,606,785
\$1.70	31	183,749,784	837,979,591	1,021,729,375	1,021,729	123,851,786	2,105,480
\$1.65	5	24,063,924	25,983,857	50,047,781	55,262	19,484,048	321,487
Total	78	461,954,720	1,932,615,963	2,394,570,683	\$ 1,685,271	371,020,317	\$ 6,450,808

Computation of Producer Price Differential-September 2009

		Utilization Percentage	Product Pounds	Component Pounds	Rate	Value
Class I	Differential Value					\$ 6,450,808.34
	Product	15.5%	371,020,317			
	Skim Milk			365,716,975	\$ 6.7400	24,649,324.17
	Butterfat			5,303,342	1.2646	6,706,606.34
Class II	Product	7.0%	166,935,329			
	Nonfat Solids			14,188,997	0.7722	10,956,743.46
	Butterfat			10,520,854	1.2296	12,936,442.12
Class III	Product	76.3%	1,828,372,186			
	Protein			55,240,082	2.4243	133,918,530.83
	Other Solids			104,825,934	0.1018	10,671,280.06
	Butterfat			66,145,288	1.2226	80,869,229.10
Class IV	Product	1.2%	28,242,851			
	Nonfat Solids			2,058,857	0.7906	1,627,732.35
	Butterfat			5,581,803	1.2226	6,824,312.32
SCC Adjust	ment (Class II, III, and	IV)				1,228,043.21
Total Produ	ucer Milk *		2,394,570,683			\$ 296,839,052.30
Add:	Overage Inventory Reclassifie Other Source Milk §.0 Other Source Milk §.0	60(h)				30,917.30 64,184.03 0.00 0.00
Subtract:	Transportation Credit Assembly Credit Credit for Reconstitut Producer Milk Proteir Producer Milk Other Producer Milk Butterf Producer Milk SCC A	ted FMP n Solids fat				71,181.89 296,471.01 0.00 175,371,052.22 13,956,224.81 107,040,203.45 1,448,211.81
Total Milk a	nd Value		2,394,570,683			\$ (1,249,191.56
Add:	Location Adjustment One-Half Unobligated		regulated Supply Plan Settlement Fund	t Milk		1,685,270.82 1,255,450.73
Total Value					0.070640	\$ 1,691,529.99
Subtract:	Producer Settlement	Fund Reserve			0.040640	973,158.79
Produce	r Price Differentia	al **			\$0.03	\$ 718,371.20

* An estimated 453 million pounds of milk was not pooled.

** Producer Price Differential is dollars per cwt. at the Base Zone of Cook County, Illinois.



Utilization and Classification of Milk

	September 2009		August 2009	September 2008
	Product Pounds	Butterfat Pounds	Product Pounds	Product Pounds
Class I Utilization:				
Packaged Disposition				
Milk	50,859,713	1,608,753	53,725,812	52,888,568
Flavored Milk	3,135,259	100,056	3,553,812	5,071,756
Reduced Fat Milk	139,350,403	2,637,685	143,310,014	142,468,681
Lowfat Milk	52,934,249	506,557	50,897,273	50,610,979
Fat Free Milk	87,042,928	101,418	86,698,726	89,137,895
Flavored Reduced and Fat Free Milk	35,178,769	261,565	20,785,589	34,037,034
Buttermilk	2,458,827	24,432	2,611,070	2,293,049
Total Packaged Disposition	370,960,148	5,240,466	361,582,296	376,507,962
Total Ending Inventory	32,028,238	464,458	28,871,152	31,617,334
Bulk to Nonpool Plants	226,201	4,222	412,898	560,201
Shrinkage	2,699,131	109,227	1,642,153	2,383,071
Total Class I Utilization	405,913,718	5,818,373	392,508,499	411,068,568
Other Order Plants	(4,488,929)	(71,178)	(3,701,814)	(4,084,205)
Beginning Inventory	(28,852,176)	(415,500)	(33,306,866)	(28,820,038)
Reused Products	0	0	0	0
Other Source Milk				(612,791)
Overage		(00.050)	(450,000)	(407.557)
Interhandler Adjustment	(1,552,296)	(28,353)	(159,838)	(127,557)
Class I Producer Milk	371,020,317	5,303,342	355,339,981	377,423,977
Class II Utilization:				
Total Class II Utilization	178,458,023	10,883,564	136,022,059	89,568,985
Other Order Plants				(2,225,324)
Beginning Inventory	(1,762,342)	(106,687)	(765,204)	(5,537,988)
Reused Products	(9,515,919)	(11,590)	(9,722,640)	(10,053,470)
Other Source Milk	(244,433)	(244,433)	(363,726)	(525,883)
Overage			0	
Class II Producer Milk	166,935,329	10,520,854	125,170,489	71,226,320
Class III Utilization:				
Total Class III Utilization	1,834,644,718	66,242,519	2,122,849,373	2,050,624,413
Other Order Plants	(1,878,999)	(23,691)	(1,436,573)	(535,191)
Beginning Inventory	(2,950,967)	(31,488)	(853,287)	(2,553,055)
Reused Products	0	v o	v o	0
Other Source Milk	(1,380,926)	(35,568)	(2,094,528)	(2,177,553)
Overage	(61,640)	(6,484)	(47,456)	(378,010)
Class III Producer Milk	1,828,372,186	66,145,288	2,118,417,529	2,044,980,604
Class IV Utilization:				
Total Class IV Utilization	80,285,017	7,596,237	96,044,053	74,463,124
Other Order Plants	(2,418,533)	(136,786)	(2,332,612)	(6,857,131)
Beginning Inventory	(16,515,775)	(925,043)	(10,804,715)	(21,928,904)
Reused Products	0	0	(10,001,710)	(21,020,001)
Other Source Milk	(33,050,796)	(942,423)	(32,922,696)	(7,807,602)
Overage	(57,062)	(10,182)	(7,594)	(40,419)
Class IV Producer Milk	28,242,851	5,581,803	49,976,436	37,829,068
Total Producer Milk All Classes	2,394,570,683	87,551,287	2,648,904,435	2,531,459,969
Restricted Information				

Commodity Prices

		Weighted	Monthly Av	erage NA	SS Prices	Weighted Two-Week Average NASS Prices *						
	Cł	neddar Chee	ese	Nonfat		Cheddar Cheese			Nonfat			
Month/Year	Blocks	Barrels	Average	Butter	Dry Milk	Dry Whey	Blocks	Barrels	Average	Butter	Dry Milk	Dry Whey
			Dollars pe	er Pound				Dollars p	er Pound			
Sep 2008	1.7661	1.7611	1.7773	1.6365	1.2131	0.2183	1.7265	1.6997	1.7279	1.6125	1.2628	0.2241
Oct	1.8927	1.8928	1.9065	1.6997	0.9987	0.1945	1.9185	1.9189	1.9323	1.6899	1.0452	0.1970
Nov	1.7268	1.7518	1.7511	1.6356	0.8701	0.1895	1.7253	1.7322	1.7420	1.6517	0.8617	0.1896
Dec	1.7355	1.7447	1.7544	1.2448	0.8425	0.1730	1.7615	1.8048	1.7989	1.3262	0.8460	0.1716
Jan 2009	1.2906	1.2728	1.2961	1.0868	0.8318	0.1696	1.2806	1.2700	1.2895	1.0914	0.8333	0.1701
Feb	1.1239	1.1495	1.1518	1.0750	0.8215	0.1567	1.1171	1.1342	1.1414	1.0731	0.8195	0.1545
Mar	1.2336	1.2636	1.2611	1.1289	0.8166	0.1662	1.2387	1.2446	1.2545	1.1211	0.8152	0.1632
Apr	1.2689	1.2566	1.2771	1.1665	0.8195	0.1949	1.2753	1.3086	1.3030	1.1640	0.8181	0.1852
May	1.1681	1.1112	1.1553	1.2159	0.8318	0.2317	1.1720	1.1095	1.1562	1.2051	0.8314	0.2323
Jun	1.1472	1.1158	1.1466	1.2073	0.8461	0.2693	1.1451	1.1167	1.1459	1.2187	0.8443	0.2649
Jul	1.1260	1.1112	1.1334	1.1986	0.8422	0.2912	1.1339	1.1039	1.1339	1.1747	0.8416	0.2873
Aug	1.2318	1.2603	1.2605	1.2030	0.8666	0.2925	1.2015	1.2330	1.2311	1.2158	0.8695	0.2938
Sep	1.3480	1.3265	1.3522	1.1811	0.9664	0.2979	1.3726	1.3584	1.3802	1.1658	0.9541	0.2942

Chicago Mercantile Exchange

	Butter Chedda		ar Cheese	Nonfat Dry Milk (Lov	v/Medium Heat)	Whey Powder		
Month/Year	Grade AA	Blocks	Barrels	Central & East	West	Central	West	
				Dollars per Pound				
Sep 2008	1.6973	1.8762	1.8517	1.3187	1.2379	0.1993	0.1979	
Oct	1.7320	1.7963	1.8025	1.1032	0.9680	0.1899	0.1791	
Nov	1.6165	1.7099	1.6975	0.9353	0.8647	0.1770	0.1586	
Dec	1.2007	1.5132	1.5295	0.8907	0.8424	0.1754	0.1456	
Jan 2009	1.1096	1.0833	1.0832	0.8584	0.8161	0.1638	0.1466	
Feb	1.1097	1.2171	1.1993	0.8574	0.8007	0.1601	0.1627	
Mar	1.1770	1.2455	1.2738	0.8693	0.8088	0.1748	0.1906	
Apr	1.2042	1.2045	1.1506	0.8660	0.8230	0.2060	0.2295	
May	1.2526	1.1394	1.0763	0.8836	0.8325	0.2436	0.2518	
Jun	1.2235	1.1353	1.0884	0.9115	0.8404	0.2718	0.2985	
Jul	1.2349	1.1516	1.1349	0.9138	0.8391	0.2960	0.3221	
Aug	1.2005	1.3471	1.3271	0.9858	0.9325	0.2956	0.3214	
Sep	1.2199	1.3294	1.3035	1.0365	0.9920	0.3026	0.3288	

Market Statistics

Month/Year	Distributing Plants	Supply Plants	Coop .9(c) Handlers	Producers	Total Producer Milk	Est. Average Daily Delivery Per Producer	Class I Utilization	Butterfat Test	Protein Test	Other Solids Test	Weighted Average SCC
					Mil. Ibs.	Pounds	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	(000)
Sep 2008	25	53	13	16,039	2,531	5,247	14.9	3.67	3.02	5.72	291
Oct	27	52	13	14,313	2,175	5,296	18.3	3.77	3.09	5.71	271
Nov	26	52	13	16,091	2,625	5,392	13.9	3.82	3.12	5.71	253
Dec	26	53	13	15,061	2,318	5,416	17.0	3.83	3.11	5.71	259
Jan 2009	26	53	12	16,118	2,751	5,499	14.1	3.81	3.09	5.71	272
Feb	24	54	12	16,197	2,488	5,507	14.3	3.76	3.06	5.73	277
Mar	26	54	12	15,859	2,675	5,622	14.1	3.73	3.04	5.73	275
Apr	26	53	12	16,364	2,794	5,662	13.3	3.72	3.03	5.72	265
May	24	53	12	16,463	2,885	5,740	12.4	3.66	3.00	5.72	258
Jun	23	53	13	15,330	2,759	5,996	12.3	3.62	2.96	5.75	267
Jul	25	53	13	15,529	2,918	6,059	12.3	3.57	2.95	5.75	285
Aug	25	53	13		2,649		13.4	3.60	2.97	5.73	285
Sep	25	53	13		2,395		15.5	3.66	3.02	5.73	261

^{*} NASS = National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Class Prices

	Clas	s I Price N	lover	Class I Pri	ce at Cook	County, IL		Class II Price				
Month/Year	Skim Butterfat Milk		-		Skim Butterfat Milk 3.50%		Butterfat	Nonfat Solids	Skim Milk	3.50%		
	lb.	cwt.	cwt.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.		
Sep 2008	1.7411	11.98	17.65	1.7591	13.78	19.45	1.8266	1.2878	11.59	17.58		
Oct	1.7451	9.76	15.53	1.7631	11.56	17.33	1.8577	1.1622	10.46	16.60		
Nov	1.8388	11.29	17.33	1.8568	13.09	19.13	1.7800	0.9467	8.52	14.45		
Dec	1.7925	9.49	15.43	1.8105	11.29	17.23	1.3068	0.7644	6.88	11.21		
Jan 2009	1.3983	11.24	15.74	1.4163	13.04	17.54	1.1154	0.7489	6.74	10.41		
Feb	1.1140	7.07	10.72	1.1320	8.87	12.52	1.1011	0.7367	6.63	10.25		
Mar	1.0918	5.81	9.43	1.1098	7.61	11.23	1.1664	0.7233	6.51	10.36		
Apr	1.1500	6.56	10.36	1.1680	8.36	12.16	1.2119	0.7189	6.47	10.49		
May	1.2019	7.01	10.97	1.2199	8.81	12.77	1.2718	0.7211	6.49	10.71		
June	1.2517	5.91	10.08	1.2697	7.71	11.88	1.2614	0.7344	6.61	10.79		
Jul	1.2682	6.03	10.26	1.2862	7.83	12.06	1.2508	0.7478	6.73	10.87		
Aug	1.2149	6.00	10.04	1.2329	7.80	11.84	1.2561	0.7444	6.70	10.86		
Sep	1.2646	6.74	10.93	1.2826	8.54	12.73	1.2296	0.7722	6.95	11.01		
Oct	1.2041	8.43	12.35	1.2221	10.23	14.15		0.8567	7.71			

		CI	ass III Price			Class I\	/ Price		
Month/Year	Butterfat	Protein	Other Solids	Skim Milk	3.50%	Butterfat	Nonfat Solids	Skim Milk	3.50%
	lb.	lb.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.
Sep 2008	1.8196	3.2689	0.0234	10.27	16.28	1.8196	1.0455	9.41	15.45
Oct	1.8507	3.5490	(0.0047)	10.97	17.06	1.8507	0.8226	7.40	13.62
Nov	1.7730	3.1301	(0.0099)	9.64	15.51	1.7730	0.6953	6.26	12.25
Dec	1.2998	3.6390	(0.0269)	11.12	15.28	1.2998	0.6680	6.01	10.35
Jan 2009	1.1084	2.3638	(0.0304)	7.15	10.78	1.1084	0.6574	5.92	9.59
Feb	1.0941	1.9139	(0.0437)	5.68	9.31	1.0941	0.6472	5.82	9.45
Mar	1.1594	2.1973	(0.0339)	6.61	10.44	1.1594	0.6423	5.78	9.64
Apr	1.2049	2.2009	(0.0043)	6.80	10.78	1.2049	0.6452	5.81	9.82
May	1.2648	1.7454	0.0336	5.61	9.84	1.2648	0.6574	5.92	10.14
Jun	1.2544	1.7283	0.0723	5.78	9.97	1.2544	0.6715	6.04	10.22
Jul	1.2438	1.6970	0.0949	5.82	9.97	1.2438	0.6677	6.01	10.15
Aug	1.2491	2.1009	0.0962	7.08	11.20	1.2491	0.6918	6.23	10.38
Sep	1.2226	2.4243	0.1018	8.12	12.11	1.2226	0.7906	7.12	11.15

Producer Prices

Month/Year	Producer Price Differential	Statistical Uniform Price (at 3.50%)	Butterfat Price	Protein Price	Other Solids Price	SCC Adjustment Rate	Producer Mailbox Price (at test)
	\$ per cwt.	\$ per cwt.	\$ per lb.	\$ per lb.	\$ per lb.	\$ per cwt.	\$ per cwt.
Jul 2008	0.66	18.90	1.6774	4.0025	0.0707	0.00098	19.11
Aug	0.49	17.81	1.7413	3.6497	0.0529	0.00093	18.19
Sep	0.57	16.85	1.8196	3.2689	0.0234	0.00089	17.87
Oct	(0.04)	17.02	1.8507	3.5490	(0.0047)	0.00095	18.47
Nov	0.34	15.85	1.7730	3.1301	(0.0099)	0.00088	17.48
Dec	(0.24)	15.04	1.2998	3.6390	(0.0269)	0.00088	16.50
Jan 2009	0.82	11.60	1.1084	2.3638	(0.0304)	0.00065	13.00
Feb	0.51	9.82	1.0941	1.9139	(0.0437)	0.00058	11.51
Mar	0.13	10.57	1.1594	2.1973	(0.0339)	0.00063	12.06
Apr	0.20	10.98	1.2049	2.2009	(0.0043)	0.00064	12.31
May	0.46	10.30	1.2648	1.7454	0.0336	0.00058	11.51
Jun	0.32	10.29	1.2544	1.7283	0.0723	0.00057	11.30
Jul	0.33	10.30	1.2438	1.6970	0.0949	0.00057	11.23
Aug	0.12	11.32	1.2491	2.1009	0.0962	0.00063	
Sep	0.03	12.14	1.2226	2.4243	0.1018	0.00068	

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	Federal Order Number / Name	Jumber / Name Deliveries Receipts Utilization Pri		Class I Price	Price Differential		FOB Cook Cty. Illinois	Change From Previous Year	
		Thousan	d Pounds	Percent	Dolla	rs per Cwt.—	-	 Dollars per C 	Swt. ———
1	Northeast	1,841,345	858,904	46.7	\$ 14.18	\$ 0.82	\$ 12.93	\$ 11.48	\$ (5.97)
5	Appalachian	469,727	343,044	73.0	14.33	n/a	13.65	12.05	(6.58)
6	Florida	239,600	205,275	85.7	16.33	n/a	15.58	11.98	(6.81)
7	Southeast	543,362	397,084	73.1	14.73	n/a	14.12	12.12	(6.51)
30	Upper Midwest	2,394,571	371,020	15.5	12.73	0.03	12.14	12.14	(4.71)
32	Central	884,497	354,593	40.1	12.93	(0.21)	11.90	11.70	(5.54)
33	Mideast	1,306,239	571,376	43.7	12.93	(0.04)	12.07	11.87	(5.98)
124	Pacific Northwest	394,818	194,032	49.1	12.83	(0.22)	11.89	11.79	(5.18)
126	Southwest	844,431	363,869	43.1	13.93	0.91	13.02	11.82	(5.44)
131	Arizona	284,196	120,439	42.4	13.28	n/a	12.37	11.82	(5.29)
All M	arket Average or Total *	9,202,786	3,779,637	41.1					

n/a = Not applicable.

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