



Announcement of Advanced Prices and Pricing Factors

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March 2015 Highlights

Base Class I Price was \$15.56 per hundredweight for the month of March 2015. The price per hundredweight decreased \$0.68 from the previous month.

Base Skim Milk Price for Class I was \$9.59 per hundredweight for the month of March 2015. The price per hundredweight decreased \$1.17 from the previous month.

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Base Class I Price:	\$15.56	(per hundredweight)
Base Skim Milk Price for Class I:	\$9.59	(per hundredweight)
Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor:	\$9.59	(per hundredweight)
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor:	\$7.61	(per hundredweight)
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor:	\$1.8008	(per pound)
Class II Skim Milk Price:	\$8.31	(per hundredweight)
Class II Nonfat Solids Price:	\$0.9233	(per pound)
Two-week Product Price Averages:		
Butter	1.6585	(per pound)
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.0213	(per pound)
Cheese	1.5408	(per pound)
Dry Whey	0.5415	(per pound)
Special information for Appalachian and Southeast:		
Diesel Fuel Price	\$2.807	(per gallon)
Mileage Rate Factor	0.00450	(per hundredweight per mile)

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Federal Milk Order Class I and Class II Advanced Prices and Pricing Factors, 2015

Month	Class I Base Price	Base Skim Milk Price for Class I	Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor	Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor	Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor	Class II Skim Milk Price	Class II Nonfat Solids Price
	Dollars per cwt.				\$ per lb.	\$ per cwt.	\$ per lb.
Jan	18.58	11.35	11.35	9.93	2.1787	10.63	1.1811
Feb	16.24	10.76	10.76	7.64	1.6719	8.34	0.9267
Mar	15.56	9.59	9.59	7.61	1.8008	8.31	0.9233

Federal Milk Order Class I and Class II Advanced Prices and Pricing Factors, 2014

Month	Class I Base Price	Base Skim Milk Price for Class I	Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor	Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor	Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor	Class II Skim Milk Price	Class II Nonfat Solids Price
	Dollars per cwt.				\$ per lb.	\$ per cwt.	\$ per lb.
Jan	21.48	15.81	12.99	15.81	1.7791	16.51	1.8344
Feb	22.02	16.57	15.06	16.57	1.7225	17.27	1.9189
Mar	23.64	17.14	17.14	16.97	2.0298	17.67	1.9633
Apr	23.65	17.22	16.36	17.22	2.0094	17.92	1.9911
May	24.47	17.45	17.45	16.36	2.1790	17.06	1.8956
Jun	22.86	15.58	15.58	15.23	2.2356	15.93	1.7700
Jul	23.02	15.01	13.26	15.01	2.4377	15.71	1.7456
Aug	23.87	15.22	12.82	15.22	2.6235	15.92	1.7689
Sep	23.63	14.56	12.71	14.56	2.7373	15.26	1.6956
Oct	24.19	13.67	13.67	11.66	3.1410	12.36	1.3733
Nov	24.06	13.25	13.25	11.92	3.2216	12.62	1.4022
Dec	22.53	15.39	15.39	11.44	2.1935	12.14	1.3489
Avg	23.28	15.57	14.64	14.83	2.3592	15.53	1.7258

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Dairy Products Price Averages Used in Federal Milk Order Price Formulas, 2015

Month	Product Price Averages For:							
	Class I (Skim, Bfat.), Class II (Skim, Nonfat Solids)				Class II (Bfat.), Class III, Class IV, Components			
	Butter	Nonfat dry milk	Cheese	Dry Whey	Butter	Nonfat dry milk	Cheese	Dry Whey
	Dollars per pound				Dollars per pound			
Jan	1.9706	1.2826	1.8141	0.5847	1.5633	1.0202	1.5807	0.5875
Feb	1.5521	1.0253	1.5857	0.5903				
Mar	1.6585	1.0213	1.5408	0.5415				

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	Butter	Nonfat dry milk	Cheese	Dry Whey	Butter	Nonfat dry milk	Cheese	Dry Whey
	Dollars per pound				Dollars per pound			
Jan	1.6406	1.9423	1.8583	0.5669	1.6475	2.0335	2.0838	0.6025
Feb	1.5939	2.0270	2.0308	0.5939	1.8320	2.0783	2.2864	0.6314
Mar	1.8476	2.0718	2.3213	0.6238	1.8562	2.0897	2.2689	0.6554
Apr	1.8308	2.1007	2.2211	0.6495	1.9227	2.0191	2.3547	0.6774
May	1.9708	2.0040	2.3695	0.6751	2.0477	1.8768	2.1703	0.6745
Jun	2.0176	1.8768	2.2029	0.6724	2.1874	1.8633	2.0358	0.6789
Jul	2.1845	1.8526	2.0334	0.6767	2.3473	1.8617	2.0482	0.6890
Aug	2.3379	1.8763	2.0445	0.6873	2.5206	1.7887	2.1074	0.6880
Sep	2.4319	1.8020	2.0666	0.6926	2.8525	1.4718	2.3472	0.6725
Oct	2.7652	1.4766	2.3062	0.6747	2.5255	1.4900	2.2914	0.6525
Nov	2.8318	1.5052	2.3001	0.6590	1.9891	1.3902	2.1305	0.6365
Dec	1.9828	1.4517	2.1872	0.6441	1.9049	1.2554	1.7362	0.5871
Avg	2.1196	1.8322	2.1618	0.6513	2.1361	1.7682	2.1551	0.6538

Methodology: Advanced Prices and Pricing Factors

Data: The Advanced Prices and Pricing Factors are calculated using the most recent two weeks of data from the latest National Dairy Products Sales Report.

Reliability: National Dairy Products Sales Reports are subject to revision for four weeks following the initial weekly report. For enforcement purposes, the information in the National Dairy Products Sales Report is subject to verification for up to two years from the time of submission. The AMS audit staff periodically reviews a company's sales records to ensure accurate reports during onsite verifications. Note that the monthly Announcements of Advanced Prices and Pricing Factors are not subject to revision.

Terms and Definitions: Announced milk prices are per 100 pounds or cwt, rounded to the nearest cent. Component prices are per pound, rounded to nearest one-hundredth cent. Announced product prices and pricing factors are per pound, rounded to the nearest one-hundredth cent. The diesel fuel price is per gallon, rounded to the nearest one-tenth cent. The mileage rate factor is per hundredweight per mile, rounded to the nearest one-thousandth cent.

The National Dairy Products Sales Report provides current wholesale market prices for basic dairy commodities. These commodity prices for the previous two weeks are used in the following formulas to calculate the USDA's Advanced Prices and Pricing Factors used in the Federal milk marketing order program.

For the product price averages below, j corresponds to the number of previous weeks. For example, where j=1, this corresponds to the week ending the Saturday prior to the date of the Announcement; where j=2, this corresponds to the week ending the Saturday before that. The summation sign (\sum) indicates that terms are added corresponding to the previous 2 weeks.

- Butter Price =
$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^2 ((\text{Weekly Butter Price})_j \times (\text{Weekly Butter Sales})_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^2 (\text{Weekly Butter Sales})_j}$$
- Nonfat Dry Milk (NFDM) Price =
$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^2 ((\text{Weekly NFDM Price})_j \times (\text{Weekly NFDM Sales})_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^2 (\text{Weekly NFDM Sales})_j}$$
- Cheese Price =
$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^2 (((\text{Barrel Price} + 0.03)_j \times (\text{Barrel Sales})_j) + ((\text{Block Price})_j \times (\text{Block Sales})_j))}{\sum_{j=1}^2 ((\text{Barrel Sales})_j + (\text{Block Sales})_j)}$$
- Dry Whey Price =
$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^2 ((\text{Weekly Dry Whey Price})_j \times (\text{Weekly Dry Whey Sales})_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^2 (\text{Weekly Dry Whey Sales})_j}$$
- Base Class I Price = (Base Skim Milk Price for Class I x 0.965) + (Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor x 3.5)
- Base Skim Milk Price for Class I = Higher of Advanced Class III or IV Skim Milk Pricing Factors
- Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor = (Protein Price x 3.1) + (Other Solids Price x 5.9)
 - Protein Price = ((Cheese Price - 0.2003) x 1.383) + (((Cheese Price - 0.2003) x 1.572) - Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor x 0.9) x 1.17)
 - Other Solids Price = (Dry Whey Price - 0.1991) x 1.03
- Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor = Nonfat Solids Price x 9
 - Nonfat Solids Price = (Nonfat Dry Milk Price - 0.1678) X 0.99
- Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor = (Butter Price - 0.1715) x 1.211
- Class II Skim Milk Price = Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor + 0.70
- Class II Nonfat Solids Price = Class II Skim Milk Price / 9

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**Additional Notes: All product prices used in this report are weighted by sales volume. Commodity prices used for Federal order formulas for Advanced Prices are weighted averages for the previous two weeks. To weight the product price average, it must be multiplied by each week's respective sales volume in pounds; each resulting total weekly sales dollars are combined to calculate the weighted product price average. The Cheddar cheese barrel price is adjusted to 38 percent moisture content. The Class I Base Price is shown for informational purposes only; it is not defined in Section 1000.50 of the order. The Class I skim milk price equals the Base Skim Milk Price plus the applicable Class I differential. The Class I Butterfat Price equals Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor plus the (applicable Class I differential divided by 100).*

For more information on pricing formulas please visit: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/MilkPrices>.

Revisions: The monthly Announcements of Advanced Prices and Pricing Factors are not subject to revision.

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