



# Announcement of Class and Component Prices

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## May 2012 Highlights

**Class II Price** was \$15.19 per hundredweight for the month of May 2012. The price per hundredweight decreased \$1.01 from the previous month.

**Class III Price** was \$15.23 per hundredweight for the month of May 2012. The price per hundredweight decreased \$0.49 from the previous month.

**Class IV Price** for Class I was \$13.55 per hundredweight for the month of May 2012. The price per hundredweight decreased \$1.25 from the previous month.

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Class II Price:	\$15.19	(per hundredweight)
Class II Butterfat Price:	\$1.4532	(per pound)
Class II Skim Milk Price <sup>1/</sup>	\$10.47	(per hundredweight)
Class III Price:	\$15.23	(per hundredweight)
Class III Skim Milk Price:	\$10.54	(per hundredweight)
Class IV Price:	\$13.55	(per hundredweight)
Class IV Skim Milk Price:	\$8.80	(per hundredweight)
Butterfat Price:	\$1.4462	(per pound)
Nonfat Solids Price:	\$0.9774	(per pound)
Protein Price:	\$2.7344	(per pound)
Other Solids Price:	\$0.3500	(per pound)
Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate:	0.00076	(per 1,000 somatic cell count)
Product Price Averages:		
Butter	\$1.3657	(per pound)
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$1.1551	(per pound)
Cheese	\$1.5215	(per pound)
Dry Whey	\$0.5389	(per pound)

<sup>1/</sup> May 2012 Advanced Price Announcement

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**Federal Milk Order Class II, Class III, and Class IV Milk Prices, 2012**

Month	Class II Price	Class II Butterfat Price	Class III Price	Class III Skim Milk Price	Class IV Price	Class IV Skim Milk Price
	\$/cwt.	\$/lb.	Dollars per cwt.			
Jan	17.67	1.7248	17.05	11.44	16.56	10.93
Feb	16.94	1.5809	16.06	10.93	15.92	10.79
Mar	16.59	1.5367	15.72	10.74	15.35	10.36
Apr	16.20	1.5715	15.72	10.62	14.80	9.66
May	15.19	1.4532	15.23	10.54	13.55	8.80
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						

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Month	Class II Price	Class II Butterfat Price	Class III Price	Class III Skim Milk Price	Class IV Price	Class IV Skim Milk Price
	\$/cwt.	\$/lb.	Dollars per cwt.			
Jan	16.79	2.0309	13.48	6.63	16.42	9.67
Feb	17.97	2.3037	17.00	9.29	18.40	10.74
Mar	18.83	2.2929	19.40	11.81	19.41	11.82
Apr	19.66	2.2183	16.87	9.46	19.78	12.48
May	20.63	2.2567	16.52	8.96	20.29	12.87
Jun	21.37	2.3772	19.11	11.21	21.05	13.22
Jul	21.29	2.2581	21.39	14.00	20.33	12.90
Aug	21.55	2.3055	21.67	14.12	20.14	12.53
Sep	20.55	2.2075	19.07	11.78	19.53	12.26
Oct	19.41	1.9662	18.03	11.58	18.41	11.97
Nov	19.26	1.9578	19.07	12.69	17.87	11.44
Dec	18.08	1.7513	18.77	13.12	16.87	11.16
Avg	19.62	2.1605	18.37	11.22	19.04	11.92

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**Federal Milk Order Component Prices, 2012**

Month	Butterfat Price	Nonfat Solids Price	Protein Price	Other Solids Price	Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate
	Dollars per pound				\$/count
Jan	1.7178	1.2141	2.7326	0.5032	0.00080
Feb	1.5739	1.1993	2.6627	0.4541	0.00077
Mar	1.5297	1.1516	2.6571	0.4239	0.00076
Apr	1.5645	1.0728	2.6568	0.4048	0.00077
May	1.4462	0.9774	2.7344	0.3500	0.00076
Jun					
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	Dollars per pound				\$/count
Jan	2.0239	1.0743	1.7590	0.2002	0.00070
Feb	2.2967	1.1930	2.5586	0.2310	0.00087
Mar	2.2859	1.3134	3.3024	0.2665	0.00099
Apr	2.2113	1.3862	2.4984	0.2902	0.00085
May	2.2497	1.4298	2.3133	0.3026	0.00083
Jun	2.3702	1.4694	2.9807	0.3339	0.00095
Jul	2.2511	1.4336	3.8292	0.3608	0.00106
Aug	2.2985	1.3920	3.8305	0.3811	0.00107
Sep	2.2005	1.3623	3.0282	0.4053	0.00093
Oct	1.9592	1.3297	2.9211	0.4286	0.00087
Nov	1.9508	1.2716	3.2341	0.4521	0.00092
Dec	1.7443	1.2398	3.3404	0.4683	0.00090
Avg	2.1535	1.3246	2.9663	0.3434	0.00091

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**Dairy Products Price Averages Used in Federal Milk Order Price Formulas, 2012**

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	1.6079	1.4419	1.8102	0.6549	1.5900	1.3942	1.6097	0.6876
Feb	1.5893	1.4155	1.6052	0.6915	1.4712	1.3792	1.5410	0.6400
Mar	1.5220	1.3930	1.5553	0.6531	1.4347	1.3310	1.5248	0.6107
Apr	1.4299	1.3334	1.5186	0.6117	1.4634	1.2514	1.5361	0.5921
May	1.4624	1.2642	1.5431	0.6022	1.3657	1.1551	1.5215	0.5389
Jun	1.3506	1.1460	1.5243	0.5355				
Jul								
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	Dollars per pound				Dollars per pound			
Jan	1.6328	1.2148	1.4841	0.3783	1.8428	1.2530	1.4076	0.3935
Feb	1.7407	1.2423	1.3757	0.3915	2.0680	1.3728	1.7449	0.4234
Mar	2.0820	1.3467	1.6386	0.4146	2.0591	1.4945	1.9722	0.4578
Apr	2.0363	1.4733	1.9735	0.4618	1.9975	1.5680	1.6983	0.4808
May	1.9869	1.5698	1.6768	0.4775	2.0292	1.6120	1.6534	0.4929
Jun	2.0460	1.6065	1.6413	0.4915	2.1287	1.6520	1.8999	0.5233
Jul	2.1343	1.6462	1.7934	0.5201	2.0304	1.6159	2.1243	0.5494
Aug	2.0291	1.6571	2.1308	0.5470	2.0695	1.5739	2.1402	0.5691
Sep	2.0852	1.5804	2.1529	0.5639	1.9886	1.5439	1.8592	0.5926
Oct	1.9893	1.5461	1.8347	0.5900	1.7893	1.5109	1.7471	0.6152
Nov	1.7552	1.5328	1.7437	0.6121	1.7824	1.4522	1.8415	0.6380
Dec	1.8388	1.4783	1.7788	0.6342	1.6119	1.4201	1.8070	0.6538
Avg	1.9464	1.4912	1.7687	0.5069	1.9498	1.5058	1.8246	0.5325

**Methodology: Monthly Class and Component Prices**

**Data:** The Class and Component Prices are calculated using the most recent four or five weeks (since the last monthly Announcement of Class and Component Prices) 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 Class and Component Prices 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 somatic cell adjustment rate is for every 1,000 cells, 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 are used in the following formulas to calculate the USDA's Class and Component Prices 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; etc. The summation sign ( $\sum$ ) indicates that terms are added corresponding to the previous 4 or 5 weeks, where the number of weeks equals the number of National Dairy Products Sales Reports that have occurred since the last monthly Announcement of Class and Component Prices was issued.

- Butter Price = 
$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{4 \text{ or } 5} (\text{Weekly Butter Price})_j \times (\text{Weekly Butter Sales})_j}{\sum_{j=1}^{4 \text{ or } 5} (\text{Weekly Butter Sales})_j}$$
- Nonfat Dry Milk (NFDM) Price = 
$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{4 \text{ or } 5} ((\text{Weekly NFDM Price})_j \times (\text{Weekly NFDM Sales})_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^{4 \text{ or } 5} (\text{Weekly NFDM Sales})_j}$$
- Cheese Price = 
$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{4 \text{ or } 5} (((\text{Barrel Price} + 0.03)_j \times (\text{Barrel Sales})_j) + ((\text{Block Price})_j \times (\text{Block Sales})_j))}{\sum_{j=1}^{4 \text{ or } 5} ((\text{Barrel Sales})_j + (\text{Block Sales})_j)}$$
- Dry Whey Price = 
$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{4 \text{ or } 5} ((\text{Weekly Dry Whey Price})_j \times (\text{Weekly Dry Whey Sales})_j)}{\sum_{j=1}^{4 \text{ or } 5} (\text{Weekly Dry Whey Sales})_j}$$
- Butterfat Price = (Butter Price – 0.1715) x 1.211
- Nonfat Solids Price = (NFDM Price – 0.1678) x 0.99
- Protein Price = 
$$((\text{Cheese Price} - 0.2003) \times 1.383) + \left( \left( ((\text{Cheese Price} - 0.2003) \times 1.572) - \text{Butterfat Price} \times 0.9 \right) \times 1.17 \right)$$
- Other Solids Price = (Dry Whey Price – 0.1991) x 1.03
- Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate = Cheese Price x 0.0005
- Class II Price = (Class II Skim Milk Price x 0.965) + (Class II Butterfat Price x 3.5)
  - Class II Skim Milk Price = See the Announcement of Advanced Prices and Pricing Factors for the applicable month.
  - Class II Butterfat Price = Butterfat Price + 0.007
- Class III Price = (Class III Skim Milk Price x 0.965) + (Butterfat Price x 3.5)
  - Class III Skim Milk Price = (Protein Price x 3.1) + (Other Solids Price x 5.9)
- Class IV Price = (Class IV Skim Milk Price x 0.965) + (Butterfat Price x 3.5)
  - Class IV Skim Milk Price = Nonfat Solids Price x 9

*\*Additional Notes: All product prices used in this report are weighted by sales volume. Commodity prices used for Federal order formulas are weighted averages for the previous four or five 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. Producer component prices are only applicable to orders 1, 30, 32, 33, 124, and 126.*

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

**Revisions:** The monthly Announcements of Class and Component Prices are not subject to revision.

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