



Announcement of Class and Component Prices

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March 2015 Highlights

Class II Price was \$14.50 per hundredweight for the month of March 2015. The price per hundredweight increased \$0.02 from the previous month.

Class III Price was \$15.56 per hundredweight for the month of March 2015. The price per hundredweight increased \$0.10 from the previous month.

Class IV Price was \$13.80 per hundredweight for the month of March 2015. The price per hundredweight decreased \$0.02 from the previous month.

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Class II Price:	\$14.50 (per hundredweight)
Class II Butterfat Price:	\$1.8514 (per pound)
Class II Skim Milk Price ^{1/}	\$8.31 (per hundredweight)
Class III Price:	\$15.56 (per hundredweight)
Class III Skim Milk Price:	\$9.43 (per hundredweight)
Class IV Price:	\$13.80 (per hundredweight)
Class IV Skim Milk Price:	\$7.61 (per hundredweight)
Butterfat Price:	\$1.8444 (per pound)
Nonfat Solids Price:	\$0.8454 (per pound)
Protein Price:	\$2.4875 (per pound)
Other Solids Price:	\$0.2918 (per pound)
Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate:	0.00079 (per 1,000 somatic cell count)
Product Price Averages:	
Butter	1.6945 (per pound)
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.0217 (per pound)
Cheese	1.5750 (per pound)
Dry Whey	0.4824 (per pound)

^{1/} February Advanced Price Announcement

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Federal Milk Order Class II, Class III, and Class IV Milk Prices, 2015

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	16.18	1.6925	16.18	10.65	13.23	7.60
Feb	14.48	1.8366	15.46	9.39	13.82	7.69
Mar	14.50	1.8514	15.56	9.43	13.80	7.61

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Jan	22.21	1.7944	21.15	15.43	22.29	16.62
Feb	23.73	2.0179	23.35	16.90	23.46	17.02
Mar	24.22	2.0472	23.33	16.78	23.66	17.12
Apr	24.74	2.1277	24.31	17.50	23.34	16.50
May	24.44	2.2791	22.57	15.15	22.65	15.23
Jun	23.94	2.4483	21.36	13.28	23.13	15.11
Jul	24.41	2.6419	21.60	12.83	23.78	15.09
Aug	25.34	2.8518	22.25	12.74	23.89	14.44
Sep	26.11	3.2537	24.60	13.72	22.58	11.62
Oct	21.93	2.8577	23.82	14.34	21.35	11.78
Nov	19.91	2.2081	21.94	14.75	18.21	10.89
Dec	19.09	2.1061	17.82	10.85	16.70	9.69
Avg	23.34	2.3867	22.34	14.52	22.09	14.26

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Federal Milk Order Component Prices, 2015

Month	Butterfat Price	Nonfat Solids Price	Protein Price	Other Solids Price	Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate
	Dollars per pound				\$/count
Jan	1.6855	0.8439	2.6731	0.4001	0.00079
Feb	1.8296	0.8544	2.4051	0.3273	0.00077
Mar	1.8444	0.8454	2.4875	0.2918	0.00079

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Month	Butterfat Price	Nonfat Solids Price	Protein Price	Other Solids Price	Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate
	Dollars per pound				\$/count
Jan	1.7874	1.8470	4.1870	0.4155	0.00104
Feb	2.0109	1.8914	4.6044	0.4453	0.00114
Mar	2.0402	1.9027	4.5172	0.4700	0.00113
Apr	2.1207	1.8328	4.7089	0.4926	0.00118
May	2.2721	1.6919	3.9553	0.4897	0.00109
Jun	2.4413	1.6785	3.3437	0.4942	0.00102
Jul	2.6349	1.6770	3.1798	0.5046	0.00102
Aug	2.8448	1.6047	3.1496	0.5036	0.00105
Sep	3.2467	1.2910	3.4991	0.4876	0.00117
Oct	2.8507	1.3090	3.7362	0.4670	0.00115
Nov	2.2011	1.2102	3.9018	0.4505	0.00107
Dec	2.0991	1.0767	2.7387	0.3996	0.00087
Avg	2.3792	1.5844	3.7935	0.4684	0.00108

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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	1.6823	1.0308	1.5446	0.5169
Mar	1.6585	1.0213	1.5408	0.5415	1.6945	1.0217	1.5750	0.4824
Apr	1.6944	1.0577	1.5617	0.4935				

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	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: 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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