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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES AND RELATED DATA
FOR FEBRUARY 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	\$ 9.52	\$ 0.9482	\$ 12.51
Other Zones	\$ 1.75	\$ 9.47	\$ 0.9477	\$ 12.46
	1.70	9.42	0.9472	12.41
	1.65	9.37	0.9467	12.36
	1.60	9.32	0.9462	12.31
Class II Prices	Nonfat Solids		(Per pound)	\$ 0.9356
	Butterfat		(Per pound)	0.9658
	Skim Milk		(Per cwt.)	8.42
	3.50% BF		(Per cwt.)	11.51
Class III Prices	Protein		(Per pound)	\$ 1.9849
	Other Solids		(Per pound)	0.0432
	Butterfat		(Per pound)	0.9588
	Skim Milk		(Per cwt.)	6.41
	3.50% BF		(Per cwt.)	9.54
Class IV Prices	Nonfat Solids		(Per pound)	\$ 0.8565
	Butterfat		(Per pound)	0.9588
	Skim Milk		(Per cwt.)	7.71
	3.50% BF		(Per cwt.)	10.80
Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate			(Per cwt. per 1,000 SCC)	\$ 0.00055

Factors Used in Prices for February 2000

Advanced Class III Skim Milk Price		(Per cwt.)	\$ 7.23	
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Price		(Per cwt.)	7.72	
Class I Skim Milk Price Mover		(Per cwt.)	\$ 7.72	
Advanced Butterfat Price		(Per pound)	0.9302	
		<u>2-Week Average</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>	
NASS Survey Prices	Butter	(Per pound)	\$ 0.8768	\$ 0.9002
	Cheese	(Per pound)	1.1696	1.1067
	Dry Whey	(Per pound)	0.1859	0.1788
	Nonfat Dry Milk	(Per pound)	1.0114	1.0106
Component Prices	Butterfat	(Per pound)	\$ 0.9302	\$ 0.9588
	Protein	(Per pound)	2.2372	1.9849
	Other Solids	(Per pound)	0.0505	0.0432
	Nonfat Solids	(Per pound)	0.8573	0.8565

**ADVANCED 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 Nonfat Solids Price			(Per pound)	\$ 0.9344
Class II Skim Milk Price			(Per cwt.)	\$ 8.41
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
NASS Survey Prices -- Two-Week Average				
Butter			(Per pound)	\$ 0.9105
Cheese			(Per pound)	1.1084
Dry Whey			(Per pound)	0.1800
Nonfat Dry Milk			(Per pound)	1.0104
Advanced Component Prices				
Butterfat			(Per pound)	\$ 0.9713
Protein			(Per pound)	1.9747
Other Solids			(Per pound)	0.0444
Nonfat Solids			(Per pound)	0.8563

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

Region	Total Cash Expenses		Total Economic Costs	
	January 3/ (Per cwt.)	February (Per cwt.)	January 3/ (Per cwt.)	February (Per cwt.)
Northeast	\$ 14.21	\$ 14.24	\$ 19.08	\$ 19.16
Southeast	13.96	13.98	17.74	17.83
Upper Midwest	13.13	13.16	17.75	17.82
Corn Belt	13.90	13.92	19.68	19.76
Southern Plains	12.29	12.30	15.61	15.65
Pacific	9.23	9.24	10.91	10.94

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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