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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES AND RELATED DATA  
FOR APRIL 2000**

	Market Class I Differential Rate	Class I Prices <sup>1/</sup>		
		Skim Milk (Per cwt.)	Butterfat (Per Pound)	3.5% BF (Per cwt.)
<b>Base Zone</b>	<b>\$ 1.80</b>	<b>\$ 9.50</b>	<b>\$ 1.0169</b>	<b>\$ 12.73</b>
Other Zones	\$ 1.75	\$ 9.45	\$ 1.0164	\$ 12.68
	1.70	9.40	1.0159	12.63
	1.65	9.35	1.0154	12.58
	1.60	9.30	1.0149	12.53
<b>Class II Prices</b>	Nonfat Solids		(Per pound)	\$ 0.9333
	Butterfat		(Per pound)	1.1422
	Skim Milk		(Per cwt.)	8.40
	3.50% BF		(Per cwt.)	12.10
<b>Class III Prices</b>	Protein		(Per pound)	\$ 1.7399
	Other Solids		(Per pound)	0.0408
	Butterfat		(Per pound)	1.1352
	Skim Milk		(Per cwt.)	5.63
	3.50% BF		(Per cwt.)	9.41
<b>Class IV Prices</b>	Nonfat Solids		(Per pound)	\$ 0.8537
	Butterfat		(Per pound)	1.1352
	Skim Milk		(Per cwt.)	7.68
	3.50% BF		(Per cwt.)	11.38
<b>Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate</b>			(Per cwt. per 1,000 SCC)	\$ 0.00055

**Factors Used in Prices for April 2000**

Advanced Class III Skim Milk Price	(Per cwt.)	\$ 6.24
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Price	(Per cwt.)	7.70
Class I Skim Milk Price Mover	(Per cwt.)	\$ 7.70
Advanced Butterfat Price	(Per pound)	0.9989

			<u>2-Week Average</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
NASS Survey Prices	Butter	(Per pound)	\$ 0.9331	\$ 1.0449
	Cheese	(Per pound)	1.1073	1.1011
	Dry Whey	(Per pound)	0.1771	0.1765
	Nonfat Dry Milk	(Per pound)	1.0098	1.0078
Component Prices	Butterfat	(Per pound)	\$ 0.9989	\$ 1.1352
	Protein	(Per pound)	1.9356	1.7399
	Other Solids	(Per pound)	0.0414	0.0408
	Nonfat Solids	(Per pound)	0.8557	0.8537

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## ADVANCED CLASS PRICES AND RELATED DATA FOR MAY 2000

	Market Class I Differential Rate	Class I Prices <sup>1/</sup>		
		Skim Milk	Butterfat	3.5% BF
		(Per cwt.)	(Per Pound)	(Per cwt.)
<b>Base Zone</b>	<b>\$ 1.80</b>	<b>\$ 9.50</b>	<b>\$ 1.1739</b>	<b>\$ 13.28</b>
Other Zones	\$ 1.75	\$ 9.45	\$ 1.1734	\$ 13.23
	1.70	9.40	1.1729	13.18
	1.65	9.35	1.1724	13.13
	1.60	9.30	1.1719	13.08
<b>Class II Nonfat Solids Price</b>		(Per pound)		\$ 0.9333
<b>Class II Skim Milk Price</b>		(Per cwt.)		\$ 8.40
<b>Factors Used in Prices for May 2000</b>				
Advanced Class III Skim Milk Price		(Per cwt.)		\$ 5.58
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Price		(Per cwt.)		7.70
Class I Skim Milk Price Mover		(Per cwt.)		\$ 7.70
Advanced Butterfat Price		(Per pound)		1.1559
NASS Survey Prices -- Two-Week Average				
Butter		(Per pound)		\$ 1.0618
Cheese		(Per pound)		1.1035
Dry Whey		(Per pound)		0.1774
Nonfat Dry Milk		(Per pound)		1.0096
Advanced Component Prices				
Butterfat		(Per pound)		\$ 1.1559
Protein		(Per pound)		1.7216
Other Solids		(Per pound)		0.0417
Nonfat Solids		(Per pound)		0.8555

## REGIONAL MILK PRODUCTION COSTS, MARCH AND APRIL 2000 2/

Region	Total Cash Expenses		Total Economic Costs	
	March 3/ (Per cwt.)	April (Per cwt.)	March 3/ (Per cwt.)	April (Per cwt.)
Northeast	\$ 14.84	\$ 15.20	\$ 19.74	\$ 20.10
Southeast	14.51	14.83	18.31	18.62
Upper Midwest	13.56	13.80	18.19	18.42
Corn Belt	14.40	14.68	20.22	20.50
Southern Plains	12.74	13.00	16.07	16.33
Pacific	9.52	9.68	11.21	11.36

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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