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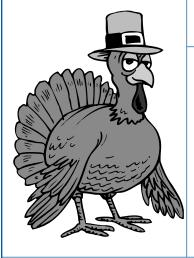
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Cheese, Butter Prices Up Sharply

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) increased sharply from mid-October to mid-November, continuing the volatility evident for much of the year. The CME barrel price on November 15 was \$1.69¼ per pound, while the 40-pound block price was \$1.72½ per pound. Both prices were up over 20¢ per pound from mid-October. Cheese is at its highest level since June, but more than 40¢ below the record high levels set in April.

The CME butter price was also up sharply in the past month. The price on November 15 was \$2.01 per pound, up nearly 30¢ from mid-October and also at its highest level since June. The butter price is nearly 80¢ above year-earlier levels.

The rapidly changing cheese and butter prices this year have resulted in significant fluctuations in the Federal order Class III price. Using the CME Class III milk futures as a predictor, the November Class III price is likely to increase about \$0.70 above the October Class III price of \$14.16, and continue to increase to over \$15.00 by the end of the year.

However, because of the rapidly changing cheese and butter prices, the futures prices are not always an accurate predictor of the Class III price. Only a month ago, the futures market was predicting a year end Class III price of \$12.50.

USDA Announces Launch of My.USDA.gov

SDA recently announced a new initiative called *My.USDA.gov*, which allows individuals to customize the USDA homepage for their unique needs. The launch is the latest installment by USDA to standardize processes and provide tools to unleash the fuller potential of information technology.

The initiative began with a new website design to improve access to USDA informa-

tion and science. That was followed by improved functionality that included features such as a "customer statement" that puts a whole range of USDA services and programs into a single report.

A customized page can be created in three easy steps by going to www.usda.gov and signing up for an ID by clicking on the "login" or "new user" button.

Pool Summary

- ➤ In October, 15,973 producers delivered to the market with an average daily delivery of 4,290 pounds.
- Producer milk totaled 2.0 billion pounds, up 687 million pounds from September, and 1.3 billion pounds above October 2003.
- Class I utilization totaled 374 million pounds, down 3.4% on a daily basis
- from September. Class I usage accounted for 18.9% of producer milk.
- The October Producer Price Differential (PPD) is \$0.31 per cwt.
- ➤ The Statistical Uniform Price is \$14.47 per cwt., down \$0.38 from September, but \$0.96 above October 2003.
- Market statistics for October are shown on Pages 4 and 5.

October 2004 Producer Milk by Class

		Product	
	Percent	Pounds	Price
			\$/cwt.
Class I	18.9	374,396,785	16.58
Class II	5.8	113,555,313	13.57
Class III	68.6	1,356,598,636	14.16
Class IV	6.7	132,901,277	12.81
Total		1,977,452,011	

Per Capita Disposition of Fluid Milk Products

n examination of per capita disposition of fluid milk products (FMP) in the Upper Midwest Marketing Area was conducted for 2003, with comparisons made to 2000. In addition, the Upper Midwest data were compared to similar data for all other Federal orders and California, combined.

Comparison to Other Orders

In 2003, total per capita disposition of FMP in the Upper Midwest market exceeded the average for all other Federal orders and California, as represented in Figure 1. In addition, a much smaller proportion of disposition is in whole milk products in the Upper Midwest Order when compared to all other Federal Orders and California. These findings are consistent with trends that have been observed in the Upper Midwest region in previous years.

Total per capita disposition of FMP in the Upper Midwest Order averaged 219 pounds in 2003, down from 225 pounds in 2000. In both years, 18% of the total was disposed of as whole milk products and 82% as lowfat products. This compares to an average for 2003 of 185 pounds per capita for all other Federal orders and California combined, down from 194 pounds in 2000. In 2003, the whole milk portion accounted for 37% of total disposition, while lowfat accounted for 63%.

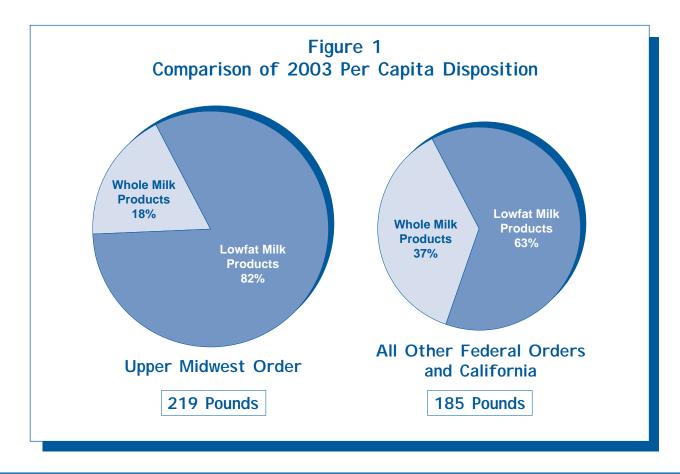
Upper Midwest Order Trends

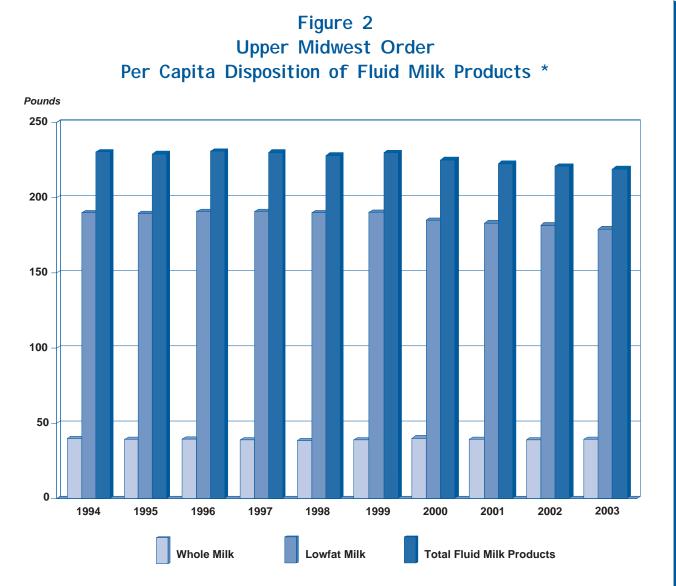
The Upper Midwest Order (F.O. 30) was formed on January 1, 2000 by the merger of the former Chicago Regional Order (F.O. 30) and the former Upper Midwest Order (F.O. 68). In Figure 2 on Page 3, data for 1994 through 1999 are estimated by combining the data for the two predecessor orders.

Several changes in per capita disposition of FMP in the Upper Midwest market have taken place between 1994 and 2003.

Total FMP disposition dropped from 230 pounds in 1994 to 219 pounds in 2003. In addition, changes in the proportion of whole milk products versus lowfat milk products occurred during the period.

Per capita disposition of whole milk products was 40 pounds in 2003, unchanged from 1994. However, during this time, disposition of lowfat products declined from 190 pounds in 1994 to 179 pounds in 2003. As a result, whole milk products accounted for a slightly larger proportion of total disposition in 2003 than they did in 1994. In 2003, whole milk products accounted for 18% of the total, up from 17% in 1994.





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Upper Midwest Pool Statistics - October 2004

Market Class I Differential Rate	Pool Plants	Received at Pool Plants	Diverted to Pool and Nonpool Plants	Total	Location Adjustment to Producers		Differential ndlers
Cwt.	Number	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
\$1.80	5	57,143,469	19,312,839	76,456,308	\$ 0	56,306,681	\$1,013,520
\$1.75	39	190,798,215	455,390,425	646,188,640	323,095	156,287,177	2,735,026
\$1.70	35	186,976,693	879,315,214	1,066,291,907	1,066,292	139,033,365	2,363,567
\$1.65	5	29,715,608	37,603,232	67,318,840	100,978	22,769,562	375,698
Other	0	0	121,196,316	121,196,316	242,329	0	0
Total	84	464,633,985	1,512,818,026	1,977,452,011	\$1,732,694	374,396,785	\$6,487,811

Computation of Producer Price Differential-October 2004

		Utilization Percentage	Product Pounds	Component Pounds	Rate	Value
Class I	Differential Value					\$ 6,487,810.90
	Product	18.9%	374,396,785			
	Skim Milk			368,569,318	\$ 8.5300	31,438,962.86
	Butterfat			5,827,467	1.8715	10,906,104.51
Class II	Product	5.8%	113,555,313			
	Nonfat Solids			9,534,677	0.7933	7,563,859.29
	Butterfat			9,541,859	1.9090	18,215,408.84
Class III	Product	68.6%	1,356,598,636			
	Protein			42,314,319	2.3814	100,767,319.23
	Other Solids			76,820,094	0.0677	5,200,720.38
	Butterfat			53,557,730	1.9020	101,866,802.39
Class IV	Product	6.7%	132,901,277			
	Nonfat Solids			11,593,263	0.7093	8,223,101.42
	Butterfat			6,240,766	1.9020	11,869,936.92
SCC Adjus	tment (Class II, III, and	IV)				864,770.04
Total Prod	ucer Milk *		1,977,452,011			\$303,404,796.78
Add:	Overage Inventory Reclassified Other Source Milk §.6 Other Source Milk §.6	60(h)				8,089.27 21,188.68 0.00 0.00
Subtract:	Transportation Credit Assembly Credit Credit for Reconstitute Producer Milk Protein Producer Milk Other S Producer Milk Butterfa Producer Milk SCC A	ed FMP Solids at				247,003.13 296,918.12 0.00 146,983,501.50 7,594,845.08 142,969,197.45 1,092,468.91
Total Milk a	and Value		1,977,452,011			\$ 4,250,140.54
Add:	Location Adjustment - One-Half Unobligated		regulated Supply Plan Settlement Fund	t Milk		1,732,693.86 944,247.56
Total Value					0.350303	\$ 6,927,081.96
Subtract:	Producer Settlement	Fund Reserve			0.040303	796,980.73
Produce	er Price Differentia	n **			\$0.31	\$ 6,130,101.23

- * An estimated 162 million pounds of milk was not pooled.
- ** Producer Price Differential is dollars per cwt. at the Base Zone of Cook County, Illinois.



Utilization and Classification of Milk

	Octobe	r 2004	September 2004	October 2003
	Product Pounds	Butterfat Pounds	Product Pounds	Product Pounds
Class I Utilization:				
Packaged Disposition				
Milk	57,281,976	1,861,353	55,898,733	56,540,300
Flavored Milk	7,017,400	185,402	5,150,297	6,852,002
Reduced Fat Milk	140,032,268	2,731,874	137,533,733	131,117,798
Lowfat Milk	48,751,517	487,458	48,341,864	46,481,631
Fat Free Milk	91,555,584	88,674	89,703,042	83,707,352
Flavored Reduced and Fat Free Milk	30,141,826	285,360	32,467,706	31,374,939
Buttermilk	2,218,785	23,939	2,255,522	2,717,633
Total Packaged Disposition	376,999,356	5,664,060	371,350,897	358,791,655
Total Ending Inventory	28,473,019	459,781	32,778,094	33,687,330
Bulk to Nonpool Plants	3,012,745	68,942	1,894,138	1,409,809
Shrinkage	2,170,372	203,290	1,243,667	2,451,775
Total Class I Utilization	410,655,492	6,396,073	407,266,796	396,340,569
Other Order Plants	(3,259,997)	(62,069)	(3,921,365)	(3,656,444)
Beginning Inventory	(32,778,094)	(505,045)	(28,040,930)	(28,869,839)
Reused Products	0	0	0	0
Other Source Milk	(37,255)	(738)	(46,933)	(415,218)
Overage Interhandler Adjustment	(192 261)	0 (754)	(70.340)	(35,295)
•	(183,361)	(754)	(70,340)	(149,757)
Class I Producer Milk	374,396,785	5,827,467	375,187,228	363,214,016
Class II Utilization:				
Total Class II Utilization	125,818,815	10,288,410	130,028,445	126,447,906
Other Order Plants	(495,991)	(15,614)	(3,031,025)	(1,945,911)
Beginning Inventory	(1,943,084)	(136,102)	(2,820,065)	(2,762,420)
Reused Products	(8,793,066)	(3,866)	(8,494,461)	(9,836,096)
Other Source Milk	(1,031,361)	(590,969)	(1,048,380)	(370,546)
Overage	0	0	 _	(15,361)
Class II Producer Milk	113,555,313	9,541,859	114,634,514	111,517,572
Class III Utilization:				
Total Class III Utilization	1,379,466,180	54,169,612	691,911,781	40,133,067
Other Order Plants	(15,225,875)	(416,061)	(14,380,633)	(5,429,931)
Beginning Inventory	(1,156,797)	(65,777)	(1,095,361)	(2,183,126)
Reused Products	0	0	0	0
Other Source Milk	(6,465,503)	(127,871)	(6,150,229)	(1,205,935)
Overage	(19,369)	(2,173)	(17,581)	(39,606)
Class III Producer Milk	1,356,598,636	53,557,730	670,267,977	31,274,469
Class IV Utilization:				
Total Class IV Utilization	160,301,057	7,968,951	154,769,486	187,554,825
Other Order Plants	(6,443,376)	(394,147)	(4,934,782)	(8,237,487)
Beginning Inventory	(13,459,130)	(738,687)	(14,163,709)	(15,355,827)
Reused Products			O O	v , o
Other Source Milk	(7,467,355)	(594,965)	(5,414,983)	(12,596,819)
Overage	(29,919)	(386)	(2,078)	(16,418)
Class IV Producer Milk	132,901,277	6,240,766	130,253,934	151,348,274
Total Producer Milk All Classes	1,977,452,011	75,167,822	1,290,343,653	657,354,331
Restricted Information				

Commodity Prices

		Weighted	Monthly Av	erage NA	SS Prices	*	Weighted Two-Week Average NASS Prices *					
	Cł	neddar Chee	ese	Nonfat			Cheddar Cheese			Nonfat		
Month/Year	Blocks	Barrels	Average	Butter	Dry Milk	Dry Whey	Blocks	Barrels	Average	Butter	Dry Milk	Dry Whey
			Dollars pe	er Pound					Dollars p	er Pound		
Oct 2003	1.5781	1.5753	1.5936	1.1611	0.8109	0.1892	1.5765	1.5737	1.5921	1.1619	0.8117	0.1877
Nov	1.5000	1.4590	1.4941	1.1881	0.8130	0.1947	1.5430	1.4944	1.5331	1.1822	0.8153	0.1947
Dec	1.3551	1.2669	1.3260	1.2557	0.8070	0.1941	1.3606	1.2565	1.3227	1.2219	0.8072	0.1967
Jan 2004	1.3079	1.2683	1.3023	1.3632	0.8062	0.1801	1.3026	1.2645	1.2977	1.3687	0.8051	0.1824
Feb	1.3165	1.3042	1.3260	1.6582	0.8064	0.1677	1.3027	1.2777	1.3054	1.5879	0.8085	0.1691
Mar	1.5212	1.5768	1.5680	2.0994	0.8101	0.1817	1.4284	1.4528	1.4582	1.9921	0.8090	0.1706
Apr	2.0001	2.0596	2.0520	2.1994	0.8171	0.2602	2.0016	2.0640	2.0530	2.1514	0.8179	0.2611
May	2.1289	2.0948	2.1266	2.1385	0.8383	0.2992	2.1676	2.1659	2.1838	2.1633	0.8372	0.2975
Jun	1.8509	1.8031	1.8411	1.9290	0.8497	0.2890	1.9008	1.8121	1.8683	1.8723	0.8500	0.2942
Jul	1.5661	1.5424	1.5695	1.8269	0.8513	0.2607	1.5520	1.5075	1.5439	1.8610	0.8552	0.2600
Aug	1.4927	1.5085	1.5167	1.6101	0.8584	0.2246	1.4842	1.4940	1.5047	1.6058	0.8596	0.2280
Sep	1.5694	1.5690	1.5867	1.7278	0.8639	0.2162	1.5745	1.5813	1.5958	1.6746	0.8622	0.2155
Oct	1.5270	1.4944	1.5256	1.7000	0.8565	0.2247	1.5467	1.4996	1.5373	1.7223	0.8626	0.2241

Chicago Mercantile Exchange

	Butter	Chedda	ar Cheese	Nonfat Dry Milk (Lov	v/Medium Heat)	Whey	Whey Powder	
Month/Year	Grade AA	de AA Blocks E		Central & East West		Central	West	
				Dollars per Pound				
Oct 2003	1.1846	1.5876	1.5364	0.8523	0.8413	0.1989	0.1902	
Nov	1.2057	1.3932	1.2949	0.8500	0.8400	0.2026	0.1931	
Dec	1.2969	1.3383	1.2621	0.8477	0.8388	0.1942	0.1891	
Jan 2004	1.4320	1.3062	1.2539	0.8366	0.8388	0.1786	0.1793	
Feb	1.7132	1.3958	1.3586	0.8413	0.8388	0.1679	0.1716	
Mar	2.1350	1.8197	1.7977	0.8518	0.8397	0.2159	0.1889	
Apr	2.2204	2.1687	2.1318	0.8808	0.8573	0.3022	0.2304	
May	2.0363	1.9925	1.8848	0.9050	0.8681	0.3150	0.2744	
Jun	1.9300	1.7105	1.6848	0.9188	0.8595	0.2913	0.2750	
Jul	1.7458	1.4486	1.4226	0.9188	0.8435	0.2527	0.2458	
Aug	1.5408	1.5734	1.5427	0.8814	0.8389	0.2143	0.2307	
Sep	1.7656	1.5702	1.5206	0.8700	0.8429	0.2175	0.2204	
Oct	1.6475	1.5170	1.4683	0.8700	0.8488	0.2321	0.2374	

Market Statistics

Month/Year	Distributing Plants	Supply Plants	Coop .9(c) Handlers	Producers	Total Producer Milk	Est. Average Daily Delivery Per Producer	Class I Utilization	Butterfat Test	Protein Test	Other Solids Test	Weighted Average SCC
					Mil. Ibs.	Pounds	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	(000)
Oct 2003	30	54	15	9,210	657	4,015	55.2	3.76	3.09	5.68	279
Nov	29	57	15	13,396	1,039	4,125	35.6	3.85	3.12	5.70	271
Dec	30	57	15	16,454	2,128	4,173	18.1	3.83	3.09	5.71	282
Jan 2004	29	58	15	16,725	2,209	4,261	17.8	3.82	3.08	5.71	285
Feb	29	55	15	16,395	1,944	4,294	18.3	3.81	3.06	5.69	295
Mar	27	51	14	6,095	675	4,299	58.7	3.75	3.02	5.71	295
Apr	25	46	13	6,309	608	4,324	62.8	3.71	3.01	5.71	288
May	25	47	13	6,234	663	4,396	53.2	3.66	2.99	5.72	282
Jun	28	51	13	16,307	2,114	4,409	15.9	3.64	2.96	5.73	309
Jul	28	51	13	16,327	2,202	4,406	16.1	3.61	2.95	5.71	326
Aug	28	57	13	16,476	2,002	4,254	18.0	3.65	2.98	5.71	329
Sep	27	57	13	12,786	1,290	4,237	29.1	3.67	3.02	5.69	296
Oct	27	57	13	15,973	1,977	4,290	18.9	3.80	3.12	5.67	277

^{*} NASS = National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Class Prices

	Clas	ss I Price N	lover	Class I Pri	Class I Price at Cook County, IL			Class II Price			
Month/Year	Butterfat	Skim Milk	3.50%	Butterfat	Skim Milk	3.50%	Butterfat	Nonfat Solids	Skim Milk	3.50%	
	lb.	cwt.	cwt.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.	
Oct 2003	1.2007	10.43	14.27	1.2187	12.23	16.07	1.2623	0.7400	6.66	10.84	
Nov	1.2563	10.33	14.37	1.2743	12.13	16.17	1.2947	0.7433	6.69	10.99	
Dec	1.2806	9.70	13.84	1.2986	11.50	15.64	1.3758	0.7467	6.72	11.30	
Jan 2004	1.3283	7.46	11.85	1.3463	9.26	13.65	1.5048	0.7378	6.64	11.67	
Feb	1.5044	6.55	11.59	1.5224	8.35	13.39	1.8588	0.7367	6.63	12.90	
Mar	1.7675	5.96	11.94	1.7855	7.76	13.74	2.3883	0.7400	6.66	14.79	
Apr	2.2525	5.96	13.64	2.2705	7.76	15.44	2.5083	0.7400	6.66	15.21	
May	2.4437	11.50	19.65	2.4617	13.30	21.45	2.4352	0.7489	6.74	15.03	
Jun	2.4580	12.98	21.13	2.4760	14.78	22.93	2.1838	0.7678	6.91	14.31	
Jul	2.1088	10.95	17.95	2.1268	12.75	19.75	2.0613	0.7811	7.03	14.00	
Aug	2.0952	7.55	14.62	2.1132	9.35	16.42	1.8011	0.7856	7.07	13.13	
Sep	1.7890	7.96	13.94	1.8070	9.76	15.74	1.9424	0.7900	7.11	13.66	
Oct	1.8715	8.53	14.78	1.8895	10.33	16.58	1.9090	0.7933	7.14	13.57	
Nov	1.9288	7.81	14.29	1.9468	9.61	16.09		0.7933	7.14		

		Cl	ass III Price		Class I\	/ Price			
Month/Year	Butterfat	Protein	Other Solids	Skim Milk	3.50%	Butterfat	Nonfat Solids	Skim Milk	3.50%
	lb.	lb.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.
Oct 2003	1.2553	3.2815	0.0311	10.36	14.39	1.2553	0.6642	5.98	10.16
Nov	1.2877	2.9267	0.0368	9.29	13.47	1.2877	0.6663	6.00	10.30
Dec	1.3688	2.2997	0.0362	7.34	11.87	1.3688	0.6603	5.94	10.52
Jan 2004	1.4978	2.0875	0.0217	6.60	11.61	1.4978	0.6595	5.94	10.97
Feb	1.8518	1.7911	0.0090	5.61	11.89	1.8518	0.6597	5.94	12.21
Mar	2.3813	2.0133	0.0234	6.38	14.49	2.3813	0.6634	5.97	14.10
Apr	2.5013	3.4465	0.1042	11.30	19.66	2.5013	0.6703	6.03	14.57
May	2.4282	3.7639	0.1444	12.52	20.58	2.4282	0.6913	6.22	14.50
Jun	2.1768	3.1086	0.1339	10.43	17.68	2.1768	0.7026	6.32	13.72
Jul	2.0543	2.3625	0.1048	7.94	14.85	2.0543	0.7042	6.34	13.31
Aug	1.7941	2.4663	0.0676	8.04	14.04	1.7941	0.7112	6.40	12.46
Sep	1.9354	2.5431	0.0589	8.23	14.72	1.9354	0.7167	6.45	13.00
Oct	1.9020	2.3814	0.0677	7.78	14.16	1.9020	0.7093	6.38	12.81

Producer Prices

Month/Year	Producer Price Differential	Statistical Uniform Price (at 3.50%)	Butterfat Price	Protein Price	Other Solids Price	SCC Adjustment Rate	Producer Mailbox Price (at test)
	\$ per cwt.	\$ per cwt.	\$ per lb.	\$ per lb.	\$ per lb.	\$ per cwt.	\$ per cwt.
Aug 2003	(1.58)	12.22	1.2514	3.1438	0.0026	0.00077	13.94
Sep	(1.07)	13.23	1.2218	3.3180	0.0170	0.00080	14.86
Oct	(0.88)	13.51	1.2553	3.2815	0.0311	0.00080	15.39
Nov	(0.07)	13.40	1.2877	2.9267	0.0368	0.00075	14.56
Dec	0.54	12.41	1.3688	2.2997	0.0362	0.00066	13.58
Jan 2004	0.37	11.98	1.4978	2.0875	0.0217	0.00065	13.15
Feb	0.47	12.36	1.8518	1.7911	0.0090	0.00066	13.67
Mar	0.21	14.70	2.3813	2.0133	0.0234	0.00078	16.01
Apr	(4.11)	15.55	2.5013	3.4465	0.1042	0.00103	19.75
May	(1.97)	18.61	2.4282	3.7639	0.1444	0.00106	20.11
Jun	0.30	17.98	2.1768	3.1086	0.1339	0.00092	17.70
Jul	0.72	15.57	2.0543	2.3625	0.1048	0.00078	15.66
Aug	0.22	14.26	1.7941	2.4663	0.0676	0.00076	15.11
Sep	0.13	14.85	1.9354	2.5431	0.0589	0.00079	
Oct	0.31	14.47	1.9020	2.3814	0.0677	0.00076	

Summary of Federal Order Data - October 2004

Uniform or Statistical Uniform Price at 3.5% Butterfat

	Federal Order Number / Name	Producer Deliveries	Class I Producer Receipts	Class I Utilization	Class I Price	Producer Price Differential	FOB Market	FOB Cook Cty. Illinois	Change From Previous Year
		Thousan	d Pounds	Percent	Dolla	rs per Cwt.—		— Dollars per C	Cwt. ———
1	Northeast	1,829,732	929,647	50.8	\$ 18.03	\$ 1.91	\$ 16.07	\$ 14.62	\$ 0.86
5	Appalachian	521,299	352,881	67.7	17.88	n/a	16.69	15.39	0.60
6	Florida	217,403	190,251	87.5	18.78	n/a	18.19	15.99	0.52
7	Southeast	573,163	395,197	69.0	17.88	n/a	16.78	15.48	0.71
30	Upper Midwest	1,977,452	374,397	18.9	16.58	0.31	14.47	14.47	0.96
32	Central	1,204,175	369,580	30.7	16.78	0.54	14.70	14.50	0.47
33	Mideast	1,545,777	553,822	35.8	16.78	0.73	14.89	14.69	0.64
124	Pacific Northwest	617,207	184,877	30.0	16.68	0.24	14.40	14.30	1.35
126	Southwest	790,765	358,339	45.3	17.78	1.52	15.68	14.48	0.79
131	Arizona-Las Vegas	230,687	80,833	35.0	17.13	n/a	15.01	14.46	0.70
All Ma	arket Average or Total *	9,507,661	3,789,823	39.9					

n/a = Not applicable.

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