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### CME Cheese and Butter Prices Drop

Prices for cheddar cheese on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) for barrels and 40-pound blocks climbed to \$1.66 and \$1.72 per pound, respectively, in early September, but generally declined after that.

Butter followed a similar pattern, rising to \$2.06½ early in September and then falling off. However, nonfat dry milk prices rose in September.

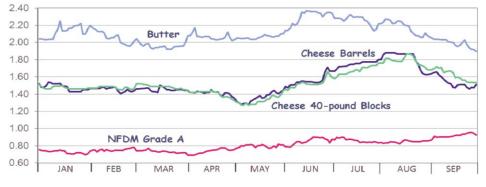
On September 30, the CME barrel cheese price closed at \$1.51 per pound, down  $11\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ from a month earlier, while the 40-pound block price of \$1.53<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> dropped  $17\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ from a month earlier.

The CME butter price closed at \$1.89<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> per pound on September 30, down  $21^{1/4}$ ¢ from a month earlier.

The Grade A nonfat dry milk (NFDM) price was up  $7\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ per pound from a month earlier, closing at \$0.92<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> on September 30.

The August Federal order Class III price of \$16.91 per cwt. was up \$1.67 from July and \$0.64 above August 2015. (See a related article on Page 3.) The September 30 CME Class III futures market has the price at dropping to \$16.39 for September and \$15.21 in October and staying below \$16 for several months.

#### Chicago Mercantile Exchange - Selected Commodity Prices\*



\*Prices depicted are dollars per pound for each day that trading occurred from January 1 to September 30, 2016.

### Pool Summary

- In August, producer milk totaled 2.2 billion pounds, down 540 million pounds from July, but 161 million pounds above August 2015.
- Class I utilization totaled 287 million pounds, up 11% from July on a daily basis and 3% above last year. Class I usage accounted for 13.2% of producer milk.
- Class III utilization totaled 1.6 billion

pounds and accounted for 71.8% of producer milk.

- The August Producer Price Differential (PPD) was \$(0.25) per cwt.
- The Statistical Uniform Price was \$16.66 per cwt., up \$1.32 from July and \$0.41 above August 2015.
- Market statistics for August are shown on Pages 3, 4, and 5.

### August 2016 Producer Milk by Class

		Product	
	Percent	Pounds	Price
			\$/cwt.
Class I	13.2	286,895,340	16.87
Class II	9.0	196,103,622	15.21
Class III	71.8	1,559,619,593	16.91
Class IV	6.0	130,753,227	14.65
Total		2,173,371,782	

## U.S. Milk Production Up in 2016

#### August Up 1.9%

California

Wisconsin

New York

Michigan

Minnesota

Pennsylvania

Idaho

Texas

Estimated United States milk produc-tion for August totaled 17.7 billion pounds, up 1.9% from August 2015. U.S. production per cow is estimated at 1,895 pounds for August, up 27 pounds, or 1.4%, from a year earlier. The estimated number of cows on U.S. farms in August was 9.36 million head, 45,000 head more than August 2015.

For the top eight milk producing states, production in August 2016, compared to August 2015, was up 11.0% in Texas, 6.6% in Michigan, 4.9% in Idaho, 3.2% in New York, 2.4% in Wisconsin, and 0.8% in Minnesota, but down 0.4% in Pennsylvania and 1.7% in California.

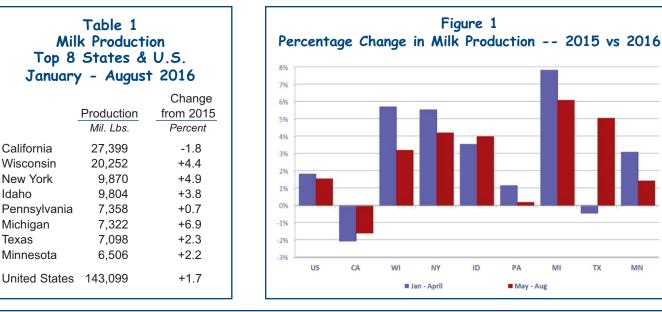
#### Production in Recent Months

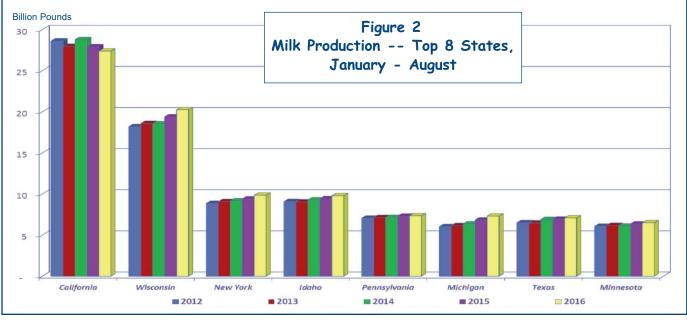
U.S. milk production for the first eight months of 2016 was up 1.7% from the same period in 2015 (see Table 1 below).

However, May - August production was up by 1.5%, compared to an increase of

1.8% for the January - April period (see Figure 1). As can be seen, production also increased less from the previous year for the last four months in Wisconsin, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Minnesota, but the gain accelerated in Idaho.

In California, the declines lessened in the last four months, and Texas went from a slight decline in the first four months, to a large gain the last four months.





### Class III Milk Prices Lower in 2016

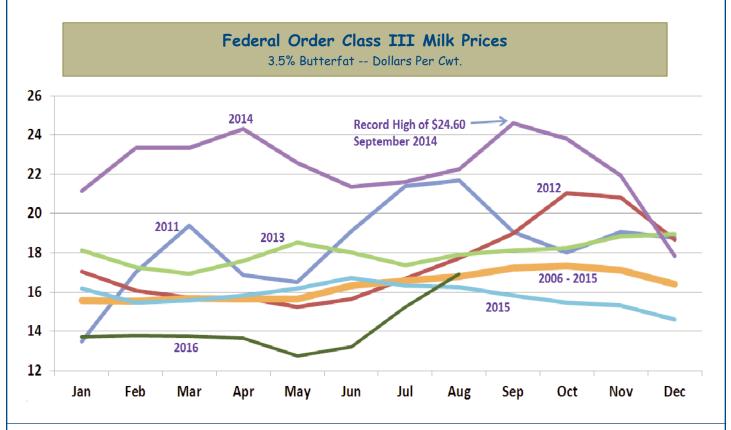
Class III milk prices under the Federal milk order system are shown graphically below for the last five years, along with the 10-year average for 2006-2015. Class III milk is primarily used to make hard cheese.

The August 2016 Class III price was \$16.91, up \$0.64 from August 2015, but \$0.13 below the 10-year average for the same month for 2006-2015.

In 2014, a record high was set in September. The 2014 average price was also a record high, and every month other than December set a record high for that month.

However, prices in 2015 and 2016 have been sharply below the 2014 level. The 2015 annual average price of \$15.81 was \$6.53 below the 2014 average. Based on the September 30 Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) Class III futures prices, the 2016 simple average Class III price will be \$14.65, \$1.16 below the 2015 average and \$7.69 below the record high of \$22.34.

The futures market currently has the price recovering and going back above \$16 in the last half of 2017.



### Upper Midwest Pool Statistics - August 2016

Market Class I Differential Rate	Differential Pool		Diverted to Pool and Nonpool Plants	Total	Location Adjustment to Producers		Differential
Cwt.	Number	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
\$1.80	3	88,220,840	6,737,695	94,958,535	\$ 0	84,796,384	\$1,526,335
\$1.75	34	140,663,658	986,866,270	1,127,529,928	563,765	61,508,581	1,076,400
\$1.70	27	207,184,184	699,405,151	906,589,335	905,206	125,223,025	2,128,792
\$1.65	3	19,101,899	25,192,085	44,293,984	66,441	15,367,350	253,561
Total	67	455,170,581	1,718,201,201	2,173,371,782	\$1,535,412	286,895,340	\$4,985,088

### Computation of Producer Price Differential - August 2016

		Utilization Percentage	Product Pounds	Component Pounds	Rate	Value
Class I	Differential Value					\$ 4,985,087.84
	Product	13.2%	286,895,340			
	Skim Milk			282,188,274	\$ 6.1600	17,382,797.68
	Butterfat			4,707,066	2.6073	12,272,733.18
Class II	Product	9.0%	196,103,622			
	Nonfat Solids			16,753,886	0.7456	12,491,697.43
	Butterfat			11,080,997	2.4943	27,639,330.83
Class III	Product	71.8%	1,559,619,593			
	Protein			46,932,864	2.5738	120,795,805.37
	Other Solids			89,985,449	0.0881	7,927,718.06
	Butterfat			53,276,819	2.4873	132,515,431.90
Class IV	Product	6.0%	130,753,227			
	Nonfat Solids			10,897,224	0.6841	7,454,790.95
	Butterfat			10,600,604	2.4873	26,366,882.36
SCC Adjus	tment (Class II, III, and IV	√)				1,994,454.31
Total Prod	lucer Milk *		2,173,371,782			\$ 371,826,729.91
Add:	Overage Inventory Reclassified Other Source Milk §.60 Other Source Milk §.60	( )	47,203			277,473.97 53,468.06 0.00 40.63
Subtract:	Transportation Credit Assembly Credit Credit for Reconstituted Producer Milk Protein Producer Milk Other So Producer Milk Butterfat Producer Milk SCC Adj	d FMP blids t				9,183.60 227,801.14 0.00 167,747,461.35 11,008,248.77 198,151,963.30 2,294,982.42
Total Milk a	and Value		2,173,418,985			\$ (7,281,928.01)
Add:	Location Adjustment One-Half Unobligated I			t Milk		1,535,427.92 1,321,365.50
Total Value	)				(0.203602)	\$ (4,425,134.59)
Subtract:	Producer Settlement F	und Reserve			0.046398	1,008,412.87
Produce	er Price Differential	**			\$(0.25)	\$ (5,433,547.46)

\* An estimated 1.27 billion 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

	August	t 2016	July 2016	August 2015
	Product Pounds	Butterfat Pounds	Product Pounds	Product Pounds
Class I Utilization:				
Packaged Disposition				
Milk	50,517,579	1,660,867	48,108,953	44,329,201
Flavored Milk	2,634,756	86,201	2,384,606	2,779,308
Reduced Fat Milk	106,610,021	2,057,697	100,839,549	104,581,338
Lowfat Milk	51,699,673	489,765	47,396,614	51,187,612
Fat Free Milk	45,831,393	39,057	43,146,034	50,602,459
Flavored Reduced and Fat Free Milk	20,860,067	181,051	16,595,790	19,536,210
Buttermilk	3,231,693	49,353	3,067,716	3,191,186
Total Packaged Disposition	281,385,182	4,563,991	261,539,262	276,207,314
Total Ending Inventory	22,601,575	336,171	20,407,782	20,251,905
Bulk to Nonpool Plants	1,774,579	43,365	1,493,555	2,736,908
Shrinkage	1,745,684	86,115	590,611	1,317,642
Total Class I Utilization	307,507,020	5,029,642	284,031,210	300,513,769
Other Order Plants	(2,195,834)	(45,152)	(1,982,891)	(1,834,887)
Beginning Inventory	(19,363,383)	(295,280)	(22,930,199)	(19,356,927)
Reused Products	0	0	0	0
Other Source Milk	(621,419)	(9,097)	(553,764)	(770,549)
Overage	0	0	0	0
Interhandler Adjustment	1,568,956	26,953	625	(15,153)
Class I Producer Milk	286,895,340	4,707,066	258,564,981	278,536,253
Class II Utilization:				
Total Class II Utilization	204,808,332	11,112,374	171,119,562	191,406,862
Other Order Plants	204,000,002		0	0
Beginning Inventory	(786,363)	(9,109)		
Reused Products	(7,736,501)	(4,375)	(5,836,413)	(5,963,565)
Other Source Milk	(181,846)	(17,893)	(27,633)	(30,703)
Overage	(101,010)		(,000)	(00,100)
Class II Producer Milk	196,103,622	11,080,997	165,255,516	185,412,594
Class III Utilization:				
Total Class III Utilization	1,565,382,431	53,494,634	2,165,990,587	1,439,288,452
Other Order Plants				
Beginning Inventory	(2,116,053)	(38,506)	(1,727,114)	(917,432)
Reused Products	0	0	0	0
Other Source Milk	(3,463,576)	(94,905)	(5,043,911)	(661,107)
Overage	(183,209)	(84,404)	(66,112)	(212,660)
Class III Producer Milk	1,559,619,593	53,276,819	2,159,153,450	1,437,497,253
Class IV Utilization:				
Total Class IV Utilization	221,472,815	14,052,467	233,358,286	187,488,568
Other Order Plants	(6,071,084)	(228,978)	(3,884,337)	(1,831,445)
Beginning Inventory	(18,052,227)	(875,950)	(13,260,217)	(8,997,672)
Reused Products	0	0	(,,)	(0,001,012)
Other Source Milk	(66,577,141)	(2,345,941)	(85,894,547)	(65,064,425)
Overage	(19,136)	(994)	(321,138)	(513,143)
Class IV Producer Milk	130,753,227	10,600,604	129,998,047	111,081,883
Total Producer Milk All Classes	2,173,371,782	79,665,486	2,712,971,994	2,012,527,983

-- Restricted Information

# **Commodity Prices**

		Weig	nted Month	y Average	Prices		Weighted Two-Week Average Prices					
	Cheddar Cheese				Nonfat		Cheddar Cheese			Nonfat		
Month/Year	Blocks	Barrels	Average	Butter	Dry Milk	Dry Whey	Blocks	Barrels	Average	Butter	Dry Milk	Dry Whey
				Dollars per Pound								
Aug 2015	1.7203	1.7327	1.7386	2.0438	0.7443	0.3108	1.7010	1.7247	1.7255	1.9595	0.7521	0.3495
Sep	1.7213	1.6769	1.7145	2.4449	0.8007	0.2442	1.7199	1.6882	1.7191	2.4136	0.8144	0.2416
Oct	1.6881	1.6378	1.6790	2.5734	0.8951	0.2309	1.6806	1.6237	1.6678	2.5461	0.9139	0.2262
Nov	1.6598	1.6093	1.6503	2.7999	0.8372	0.2341	1.6608	1.6279	1.6594	2.7353	0.8464	0.2332
Dec	1.5752	1.5377	1.5719	2.5709	0.7893	0.2336	1.5761	1.5443	1.5753	2.6787	0.7970	0.2341
Jan 2016	1.4823	1.5309	1.5178	2.0759	0.7776	0.2351	1.4699	1.5297	1.5115	2.0442	0.7817	0.2344
Feb	1.4985	1.5125	1.5170	2.1350	0.7689	0.2469	1.4985	1.5088	1.5158	2.1618	0.7684	0.2426
Mar	1.5062	1.4991	1.5162	1.9905	0.7522	0.2477	1.5024	1.5009	1.5148	1.9969	0.7504	0.2502
Apr	1.4918	1.4899	1.5041	2.0192	0.7307	0.2466	1.5034	1.4926	1.5119	2.0092	0.7298	0.2465
May	1.3907	1.4070	1.4104	2.0580	0.7607	0.2505	1.4300	1.4408	1.4477	2.0632	0.7469	0.2522
Jun	1.4015	1.4820	1.4477	2.1623	0.7888	0.2601	1.3963	1.4789	1.4432	2.1359	0.7925	0.2576
Jul	1.5871	1.6830	1.6419	2.3155	0.8363	0.2742	1.5721	1.6636	1.6231	2.3245	0.8428	0.2745
Aug	1.7556	1.8600	1.8119	2.2254	0.8588	0.2846	1.7156	1.8277	1.7771	2.2173	0.8512	0.2827

	Ch	icago Merca	antile Exchan	ge	USDA Dairy Market News					
	Butter	Cheddar Cheese		NFDM	NFDM Low/Medi	um Heat	Whey Powder			
Month/Year	Grade AA	Blocks	Barrels	Grade A	Central & East	West	Northeast	Central	West	
					Dollars per Pound					
Aug 2015	2.1542	1.7111	1.6689	0.7329	0.7817	0.7288	0.3123	0.2576	0.2848	
Sep	2.6690	1.6605	1.5840	0.9045	0.8879	0.8549	0.2496	0.2265	0.2388	
Oct	2.4757	1.6674	1.6072	0.9333	1.0004	0.9449	0.2357	0.2243	0.2405	
Nov	2.8779	1.6176	1.5305	0.7822	0.8923	0.8168	0.2271	0.2238	0.2553	
Dec	2.3318	1.4616	1.4638	0.7685	0.8509	0.7789	0.2500	0.2282	0.2600	
Jan 2016	2.1214	1.4757	1.4842	0.7312	0.8202	0.7496	0.2572	0.2296	0.2650	
Feb	2.0840	1.4744	1.4573	0.7410	0.7894	0.7444	0.2569	0.2321	0.2794	
Mar	1.9605	1.4877	1.4530	0.7413	0.7778	0.7473	0.2560	0.2333	0.2625	
Apr	2.0563	1.4194	1.4231	0.7306	0.7689	0.7260	0.2505	0.2327	0.2508	
May	2.0554	1.3174	1.3529	0.7880	0.7828	0.7690	0.2398	0.2454	0.2464	
Jun	2.2640	1.5005	1.5301	0.8476	0.8184	0.8200	0.2649	0.2569	0.2544	
Jul	2.2731	1.6613	1.7363	0.8638	0.8824	0.8736	0.2787	0.2903	0.2853	
Aug	2.1776	1.7826	1.8110	0.8454	0.8732	0.8609	0.2921	0.3046	0.3110	

# **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)
Jun 2015	16	47	13	9,417	2,067	7,316	13.1	3.66	3.02	5.75	200
Jul	17	46	13	9,092	1,864	6,630	14.9	3.65	2.99	5.75	211
Aug	16	46	13	9,141	2,013	7,098	13.9	3.66	3.01	5.75	218
Sep	17	46	13	10,227	2,443	7,957	11.9	3.71	3.05	5.75	218
Oct	15	46	13	10,718	2,747	8,268	11.1	3.85	3.16	5.73	199
Nov	16	47	12	10,997	2,848	8,625	10.3	3.91	3.18	5.74	192
Dec	17	47	12	11,233	3,079	8,830	10.0	3.90	3.17	5.74	192
Jan 2016	16	48	12	11,432	3,256	9,185	9.1	3.92	3.18	5.69	198
Feb	17	46	11	11,225	3,101	9,525	9.2	3.90	3.15	5.73	200
Mar	17	46	11	10,226	3,127	9,863	9.4	3.86	3.12	5.75	197
Apr	17	46	13	10,420	3,193	10,214	8.9	3.84	3.11	5.74	194
May	16	46	13	10,565	3,165	9,657	8.9	3.78	3.08	5.76	191
Jun	16	46	13	10,597	3,035	9,544	8.6	3.71	3.03	5.77	208
Jul	16	46	14		2,713		9.5	3.67	2.98	5.77	222
Aug	17	50	14		2,173		13.2	3.67	3.00	5.75	234

## **Class Prices**

	Class I Price Mover			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.
Sep 2015 Oct Nov Dec Jan 2016 Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jun	2.1653 2.7152 2.8756 3.1048 3.0362 2.2678 2.4103 2.2106 2.2255 2.2908 2.3789	9.08 6.57 6.65 5.61 5.51 5.54 6.22 6.12 5.31 5.57	16.34 15.84 16.48 16.71 16.04 13.64 13.78 13.74 13.70 13.14 13.70	2.1833 2.7332 2.8936 3.1228 3.0542 2.2858 2.4283 2.2286 2.2435 2.3088 2.3969	10.88 8.37 8.45 7.85 7.41 7.71 7.34 8.02 7.92 7.11 7.37	18.1 17.6 18.2 18.5 17.8 15.4 15.5 15.5 14.9 15.5	54 28 51 54 58 56 50 50 54	2.7601 2.9157 3.1900 2.9127 2.3132 2.3848 2.2098 2.2446 2.2916 2.4179 2.6034	0.6567 0.7178 0.8167 0.7500 0.7011 0.6856 0.6722 0.6544 0.6344 0.6311 0.6967	5.91 6.46 7.35 6.75 6.31 6.05 5.59 5.71 5.86 6.27	15.36 16.44 18.26 16.71 14.19 14.30 13.57 13.54 13.53 14.12 15.16
Aug Sep	2.6073 2.4775	6.16 8.17	15.07 16.56	2.6253 2.4955	7.96 9.97	16.8 18.3	37	2.4943	0.7456 0.7544	6.71 6.79	15.21
			Class III Pric	e					Class IV P	rice	
Month/Year	Butterfat	Protein	Other Solids			.50%	But	terfat	Nonfat Solids	Skim Milk	3.50%
	lb.	lb.	lb.	cwt.		cwt.		lb.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.
Aug 2015 Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan 2016 Feb	2.2674 2.7531 2.9087 3.1830 2.9057 2.3062 2.3778	2.5692 1.9801 1.7019 1.3205 1.3599 1.8169 1.7389	0.1151 0.0465 0.0328 0.0361 0.0355 0.0371 0.0492	6.41 5.47 4.31 6 4.43 5.85	1 1 1 1 1	6.27 5.82 5.46 5.30 4.44 3.72 3.80	2.7 2.9 3.7 2.9 2.9	7531 9087 1830 9057 8062	0.5707 0.6266 0.7200 0.6627 0.6153 0.6037 0.5951	5.14 5.64 6.48 5.96 5.54 5.43 5.36	12.90 15.08 16.43 16.89 15.52 13.31 13.49
Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug	2.2028 2.2376 2.2846 2.4109 2.5964 2.4873	1.9206 1.8450 1.4935 1.4807 1.9112 2.5738	0.0402 0.0501 0.0489 0.0529 0.0628 0.0774 0.0881	6.25 6.01 4.94 6 4.96 6.38	1 1 1 1 1	3.74 3.63 2.76 3.22 5.24 6.91	2.2 2.2 2.2 2.4 2.4	2028 2376 2846 1109 5964	0.5786 0.5573 0.5870 0.6148 0.6618 0.6841	5.21 5.02 5.28 5.53 5.96 6.16	12.74 12.68 13.09 13.77 14.84 14.65

### **Producer** Prices

Month/Year	Producer Price Differential	Statistical Uniform Price <i>(at 3.50%)</i>	Butterfat Price	Protein Price	Other Solids Price	SCC Adjustment Rate	Producer Mailbox Price <i>(at test)</i>
	\$ per cwt.	\$ per cwt.	\$ per lb.	\$ per lb.	\$ per lb.	\$ per cwt.	\$ per cwt.
Jun 2015	(0.10)	16.62	2.1011	2.6915	0.2322	0.00086	17.75
Jul	0.02	16.35	2.1125	2.6070	0.2004	0.00085	17.35
Aug	(0.02)	16.25	2.2674	2.5692	0.1151	0.00087	17.38
Sep	0.38	16.20	2.7531	1.9801	0.0465	0.00086	17.81
Oct	0.31	15.77	2.9087	1.7019	0.0328	0.00084	17.82
Nov	0.45	15.75	3.1830	1.3205	0.0361	0.00083	17.91
Dec	0.42	14.86	2.9057	1.3599	0.0355	0.00079	17.61
Jan 2016	0.23	13.95	2.3062	1.8169	0.0371	0.00076	16.22
Feb	0.19	13.99	2.3778	1.7389	0.0492	0.00076	16.09
Mar	0.10	13.84	2.2028	1.9206	0.0501	0.00076	15.79
Apr	0.15	13.78	2.2376	1.8450	0.0489	0.00075	15.58
May	0.32	13.08	2.2846	1.4935	0.0529	0.00071	14.80
Jun	0.24	13.46	2.4109	1.4807	0.0628	0.00072	
Jul	0.10	15.34	2.5964	1.9112	0.0774	0.00082	
Aug	(0.25)	16.66	2.4873	2.5738	0.0881	0.00091	

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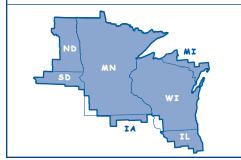
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	Federal Order Number / Name	Producer Deliveries	Class I Producer Receipts	Class I Utilization	Class I Price	Producer Price Differential	FOB Market	FOB Cook Cty. Illinois	Change From Previous Year
		—— Thousand	d Pounds ——	Percent	— Dolla	rs per Cwt.——		— Dollars per C	wt
1	Northeast	2,244,677	711,621	31.7	\$ 18.32	\$0.06	\$ 16.97	\$ 15.52	\$0.07
5	Appalachian	469,731	348,681	74.2	18.47	n/a	17.62	16.02	(0.75)
6	Florida	220,576	185,585	84.1	20.47	n/a	19.51	15.91	(1.11)
7	Southeast	419,230	339,478	81.0	18.87	n/a	18.24	16.24	(0.94)
30	Upper Midwest	2,173,372	286,895	13.2	16.87	(0.25)	16.66	16.66	0.41
32	Central	994,087	414,862	41.7	17.07	(0.82)	16.09	15.89	(0.18)
33	Mideast	1,501,690	543,531	36.2	17.07	(0.77)	16.14	15.94	0.09
124	Pacific Northwest	588,362	162,075	27.5	16.97	(1.12)	15.79	15.69	0.94
126	Southwest	585,132	378,521	64.7	18.07	(0.08)	16.83	15.63	(0.44)
131	Arizona	362,756	112,260	30.9	17.42	n/a	16.16	15.61	0.28
All Ma	arket Average or Total *	9,559,613	3,483,509	36.4					

n/a = Not applicable.

\* May not add due to rounding.

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