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CME Dairy Prices Down in December

airy commodity prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) in December were down from November, as shown in *Figure 1* on Page 2 and discussed here. Cheese and butter prices, however, were up from last year, while whey and NFDM prices were down.

The CME 40-pound block cheddar cheese price on December 22 was \$2.07\(\frac{1}{4}\) per pound, down $12^{3}/4$ ¢ from last month, but 20¢ above a year earlier. Meanwhile, the barrel cheddar cheese price on December 22 was \$1.76 per pound, down $4\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ from November, but 11¢ above last year.

The December 22 butter price on the CME was \$2.47½ per pound, down 45½¢ from last month, but 28½¢ above last year. The butter price peaked at \$3.26¾ in early October, setting a record high for the second month in a row.

The butter price had a run of nearly three months above \$3.00 per pound for the first time ever. The only other time the price had been above \$3.00 was a few days in 2014 and 2015. In fact, the price had not even been above \$2.50 per pound until

2014. The record setting prices for butter in 2022 are likely, at least in part, the result of strong exports early in the year that contributed to lower inventories, and have helped sustain the high price levels. The recent sharp declines are an expected return to more typical levels.

The December 22 price for nonfat dry milk (NFDM) on the CME was \$1.33 per pound, down $8\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ from November and 34¢ below a year earlier.

The CME whey price on December 22 was $\$0.38\frac{1}{2}$ per pound, down $5\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ from November and 35¢ below last December. The whey price has been on a downward trend since February this year, reversing direction from its upward trend in 2020 and 2021.

The Federal order Class III price for November of \$21.01 per cwt. fell \$0.80 from October, but was \$2.98 above a year ago. The December 22 CME Class III futures market settled at \$20.55 for December, and \$19.25 per cwt. for the January, before falling below \$19 for the next next several months.

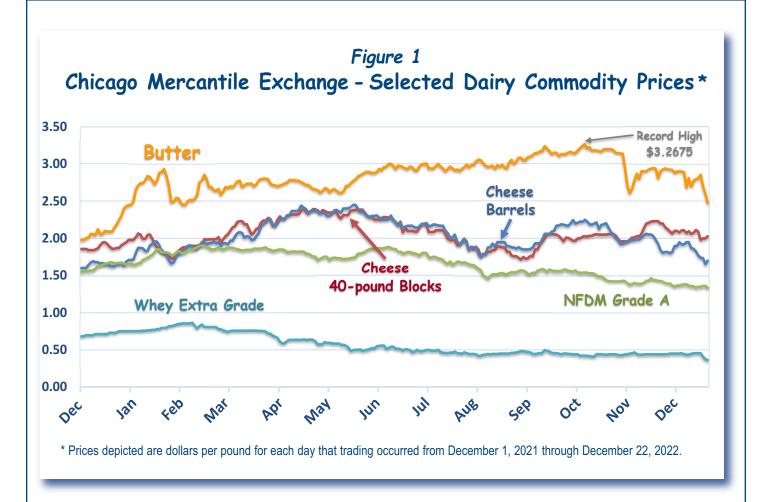
See Figure 1 on Page 2

Pool Summary

- ➤ In November, producer milk was 2.98 billion pounds, up 7% daily from October, and its highest level since August 2019.
- ➤ Class I use was 170 million pounds, up 3.9% daily from October, but 22% below last year. In November, Class I use was 5.7% of total producer milk, the lowest in the history of F.O. 30.
- ➤ The November 2022 Producer Price Differential (PPD) was \$0.29 per cwt.
- ➤ The F.O. 30 Statistical Uniform Price in November was \$21.30 per cwt., down \$0.73 from October, but \$3.09 above last year.
- ➤ Market statistics for November are shown on Pages 4 and 5.

November 2022 Producer Milk by Class

		Product	
	Percent	Pounds	Price
			\$/cwt.
Class I	5.7	169,990,409	25.89
Class II	0.9	27,135,871	24.67
Class III	93.0	2,767,388,379	21.01
Class IV	0.4	12,779,212	23.30
Total		2,977,293,871	



Per Capita Cheese and Total Dairy Product Consumption Up in 2021

otal dairy consumption in 2021 reached a record 661 pounds per person (on a milk-equivalent, milk-fat basis), as depicted in the *Figure 2* on Page 3. This is up ten pounds from the previous two years, according to data released by USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS).

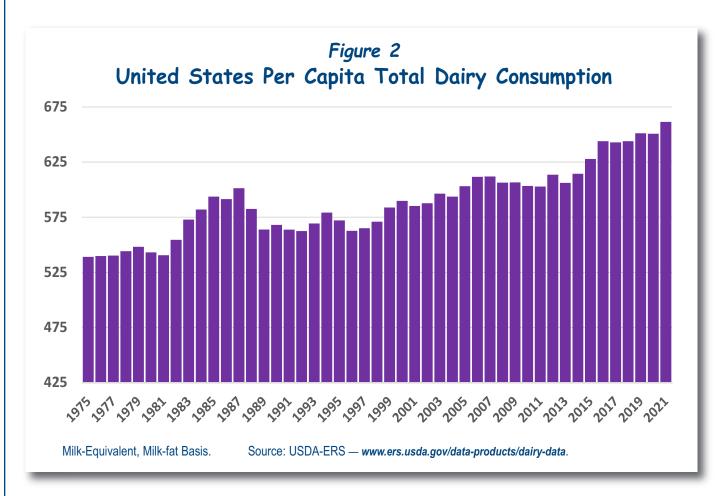
In 2021, per capita consumption of total natural cheeses reached a record 39.4 pounds (see *Figure 3*), up more than a pound from a year earlier, while per capita consumption of total processed cheeses totaled 8.2 pounds, up from 6.7 pounds in 2020.

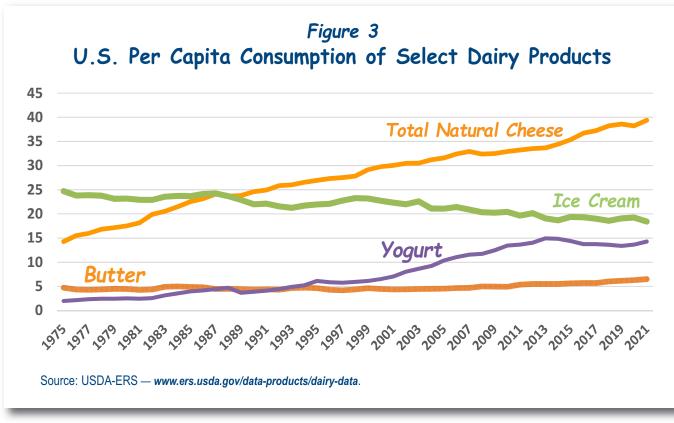
Per capita cheese consumption was up in nearly all categories, ERS reported, including Cheddar and total American types, as well as Mozzarella and total Italian types. Additionally, per capita consumption of

Blue, Brick, Muenster, cream and Neufchatel, and Hispanic cheeses rose in 2021. Swiss cheese consumption remained even at 1.04 pounds per person.

One of the poorer performers within dairy products has been fluid beverage milk, where per capita consumption has continued to decline, falling to 134 pounds in 2021, down 7 pounds from 2020 and down 113 pounds from 1975 when USDA first began reporting this data.

Yogurt consumption grew from 13.6 pounds per person in 2020 to 14.3 pounds in 2021 (see *Figure 3*). Butter and frozen yogurt also increased in consumption. Dry products and evaporated and condensed milk remained steady, while ice cream consumption decreased in 2021.





Computation of Producer Price Differential - November 2022

		Utilization Percentage	Product Pounds	Component Pounds	Rate	Value
Class I	Differential Value Product	5.7%	169,990,409			\$ 2,913,406.50
	Skim Milk Butterfat	0.1 70	100,000,100	166,470,792 3,519,617	\$11.63 3.6774	19,360,553.10 12,943,039.54
Class II	Product Nonfat Solids Butterfat	0.9%	27,135,871	2,091,361 4,963,747	1.4789 3.3790	3,092,913.76 16,772,501.11
Class III	Product Protein Other Solids Butterfat	93.0%	2,767,388,379	91,838,529 160,295,120 112,203,850	2.5374 0.2837 3.3720	233,031,083.52 45,475,725.55 378,351,382.18
Class IV	Product Nonfat Solids Butterfat	0.4%	12,779,212	649,992 5,918,068	1.3233 3.3720	860,134.42 19,955,725.29
SCC Adjus	stment (Class II, III, an	nd IV)				5,372,893.00
Total Prod	ducer Milk		2,977,293,871			\$ 738,129,357.97
Add:	Overage Inventory Reclassifie Other Source Milk §. Other Source Milk §.	60(h)				86,426.97 (195,401.76) 0.00 0.00
Subtract:	Transportation Credit Assembly Credit Credit for Reconstitu Producer Milk Protein Producer Milk Other Producer Milk Butter Producer Milk SCC A	ted FMP n Solids fat				11,775.06 134,583.51 0.00 250,094,466.69 48,813,314.46 426,913,010.93 5,706,783.63
Total Milk		•	2,977,293,871			\$ 6,346,448.90
Add:	Location Adjustment One-Half Unobligated					2,290,092.24 1,387,901.44
Total Value Subtract:	e Producer Settlement	Fund Reserve)		0.336696 0.046696	\$ 10,024,442.58 1,390,290.35
Produce	er Price Different	ial **			\$ 0.29	\$ 8,634,152.23

^{*} An estimated 1.0 billion pounds of milk was not pooled.

Upper Midwest Pool Statistics - November 2022

Market Class I Differential Pool Rate Plants		Received at Pool Plants	Diverted to Pool and Nonpool Plants	Total	Location Adjustment to Producers		Class I Differential to Handlers		
Cwt.	Number	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value		
\$1.80 ***	4	17,223,616	137,018,599	154,242,215	\$ 208,992	13,118,118	\$ 219,524		
\$1.75	26	72,280,248	1,411,623,926	1,483,904,174	741,952	54,106,669	946,867		
\$1.70	24	117,082,513	1,222,064,969	1,339,147,482	1,339,148	102,765,622	1,747,016		
Total	54	206,586,377	2,770,707,494	2,977,293,871	\$2,290,092	169,990,409	\$2,913,407		

^{***} Includes restricted data from the \$1.65 zone.

^{**} Producer Price Differential is dollars per cwt. at the Base Zone of Cook County, Illinois.

Utilization and Classification of Milk

	Novemb	per 2022	October 2022	November 2021
	Product Pounds	Butterfat Pounds	Product Pounds	Product Pounds
Class I Utilization:				
Packaged Disposition				
Milk	37,564,845	1,249,048	38,014,867	45,268,979
Flavored Milk	3,056,908	114,145	3,291,748	3,079,632
Reduced Fat Milk	59,584,385	1,164,253	57,863,570	79,007,463
Lowfat Milk	32,071,956	306,229	31,593,206	38,475,073
Fat Free Milk	17,495,557	19,762	17,950,785	22,724,515
Flavored Reduced and Fat Free Milk Buttermilk	22,829,081 1,728,368	411,694 17,306	21,371,958 1,586,845	27,172,267 1,947,478_
Total Packaged Disposition Total Ending Inventory	174,331,100 17,513,968	3,282,437 315,820	171,672,979 19,020,233	217,675,407 20,692,351
Bulk to Nonpool Plants	1,713,878	229,399	1,037,708	1,773,780
Shrinkage	1,718,479	171,751	1,525,454	963,657
Total Class I Utilization	195,277,425	3,999,407	193,256,374	241,105,195
Other Order Plants	(6,340,500)	(105,589)	(5,870,964)	(3,674,884)
Beginning Inventory	(19,020,233)	(374,898)	(18,247,220)	(18,417,517)
Reused Products	0	0	0	0
Other Source Milk	(174,481)	(3,041)	(156,384)	(183,976)
Overage	, o	O O	v o	O O
Interhandler Adjustment	248,198	3,738	34,068	53,389
Class I Producer Milk	169,990,409	3,519,617	169,015,874	218,882,207
Class II Utilization:				
Total Class II Utilization	30,245,042	5,182,910	33,670,509	71,535,487
Other Order Plants	00,240,042	0,102,510		0
Beginning Inventory	(771,138)	(101,085)	(303,042)	(1,077,279)
Reused Products	(2,221,249)	(1,294)	(2,147,984)	(3,077,995)
Other Source Milk	(116,784)	(116,784)	(181,780)	(96,977)
Overage	0	0	0	
Class II Producer Milk	27,135,871	4,963,747	31,037,703	67,283,236
Class III Utilization:				
Total Class III Utilization	2,780,383,744	112,285,979	2,669,258,722	1,619,655,501
Other Order Plants	(3,212,480)	(1,706)		0
Beginning Inventory	(5,198,923)	(51,164)	(5,159,399)	(5,747,415)
Reused Products				
Other Source Milk	(4,058,275)	(22,520)	(4,270,106)	(555,527)
Overage	(525,687)	(6,739)	(626,444)	(67,310)
Class III Producer Milk	2,767,388,379	112,203,850	2,659,202,773	1,613,285,249
Class IV Utilization:				
Total Class IV Utilization	149,035,998	14,335,094	165,126,114	149,622,466
Other Order Plants	(2,105,063)	(225,082)	(3,373,021)	(1,977,793)
Beginning Inventory	(8,331,691)	(862,215)	(6,059,203)	(15,159,929)
Reused Products	0	0	0	0
Other Source Milk	(125,754,102)	(7,327,779)	(139,868,872)	(109,062,862)
Overage	(65,930)	(1,950)	(51,238)	(189,836)
Class IV Producer Milk	12,779,212	5,918,068	15,773,780	23,232,046
Total Producer Milk All Classes	2,977,293,871	126,605,282	2,875,030,130	1,922,682,738
Restricted Information				

Commodity Prices

		Weigl	hted Month	ly Average	Prices		Weighted Two-Week Average Prices						
	Cł	neddar Chee	ese		Nonfat			eddar Che	ese		Nonfat		
Month/Year	Blocks	Barrels	Average	Butter	Dry Milk	Dry Whey	Blocks	Barrels	Average	Butter	Dry Milk	Dry Whey	
			Dollars p	er Pound					Dollars p	er Pound			
Nov 2021	1.7605	1.7272	1.7588	1.9503	1.4769	0.5825	1.7763	1.8025	1.8046	1.9171	1.4612	0.5729	
Dec	1.8633	1.6263	1.7542	2.0641	1.5471	0.6391	1.8637	1.6104	1.7516	2.0427	1.5385	0.6316	
Jan 2022	1.9787	1.7951	1.8978	2.6130	1.6488	0.7087	1.9512	1.7270	1.8482	2.4454	1.6240	0.6863	
Feb	1.9091	1.8746	1.9068	2.6668	1.7284	0.7800	1.9051	1.8478	1.8906	2.6354	1.7062	0.7660	
Mar	2.0748	2.0066	2.0548	2.7260	1.7954	0.7943	2.0740	2.0064	2.0537	2.7395	1.7963	0.7922	
Apr	2.2759	2.2759	2.2910	2.7694	1.8314	0.7394	2.2512	2.2372	2.2594	2.7622	1.8306	0.7508	
May	2.3798	2.4187	2.4161	2.7360	1.8095	0.6707	2.3886	2.4086	2.4153	2.7089	1.8292	0.6844	
Jun	2.3214	2.3472	2.3498	2.9232	1.8156	0.6161	2.3254	2.3485	2.3502	2.9414	1.8202	0.6182	
Jul	2.1622	2.2054	2.2019	2.9461	1.8001	0.5482	2.1822	2.2270	2.2234	2.9697	1.8324	0.5348	
Aug	1.9484	1.9698	1.9761	2.9792	1.6690	0.5045	1.9999	1.9994	2.0161	2.9957	1.7190	0.5069	
Sep	1.8835	1.9830	1.9503	3.1156	1.5803	0.4902	1.8308	1.9241	1.8940	3.1171	1.5895	0.4892	
Oct	2.0453	2.2210	2.1560	3.1911	1.5819	0.4857	2.0303	2.2170	2.1451	3.2082	1.5829	0.4869	
Nov	2.0748	2.0744	2.0897	2.9560	1.5045	0.4745	2.0561	2.0613	2.0735	2.8921	1.4902	0.4749	
Dec							2.1755	1.9429	2.0660	2.8822	1.4722	0.4648	

		Chicago N	<i>l</i> ercantile	Exchange			USDA Dair	y Market News		
	Butter	Chedda	r Cheese	NFDM	Whey	NFDM Low/Medi	um Heat	W	hey Powder	
Month/Year	Grade AA	Blocks	Barrels	Grade A	Extra Grade	Central & East	West	Northeast	Central	West
					De	ollars per Pound				
Nov 2021	1.9714	1.7408	1.5375	1.5570	0.6749	1.5605	1.5499	0.6134	0.5746	0.6178
Dec	2.1536	1.8930	1.6548	1.6290	0.7205	1.6041	1.5927	0.6484	0.6646	0.6795
Jan 2022	2.7203	1.9065	1.8204	1.7640	0.7855	1.7430	1.7473	0.7078	0.7293	0.7371
Feb	2.6196	1.9379	1.9038	1.8571	0.8218	1.8829	1.8598	0.7872	0.7898	0.7863
Mar	2.7346	2.1699	2.0774	1.8549	0.7420	1.9045	1.8688	0.7944	0.7452	0.7784
Apr	2.7169	2.3399	2.3489	1.7956	0.6174	1.8940	1.8257	0.7257	0.6917	0.7124
May	2.7514	2.3293	2.3567	1.7708	0.5373	1.7898	1.7742	0.6637	0.6110	0.6304
Jun	2.9546	2.1902	2.2077	1.8286	0.5138	1.8736	1.8493	0.6086	0.5647	0.5770
Jul	2.9506	2.0143	2.0581	1.6984	0.4694	1.7705	1.7450	0.5545	0.5070	0.5266
Aug	3.0072	1.8104	1.8741	1.5401	0.4504	1.5937	1.5845	0.4998	0.4538	0.4905
Sep	3.1483	1.9548	2.0690	1.5598	0.4564	1.5650	1.5798	0.5018	0.4419	0.4904
Oct	3.1792	2.0260	2.1285	1.4785	0.4312	1.5345	1.5396	0.4717	0.4339	0.4671
Nov	2.8634	2.1186	1.9454	1.4056	0.4434	1.4378	1.4754	0.4635	0.4418	0.4658

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)
Sep 2021	12	43	10	6,418	2,264	11,750	9.2	3.96	3.13	5.80	209
Oct	12	41	10	4,621	1,447	10,091	14.5	4.02	3.16	5.81	178
Nov	12	41	10	5,186	1,923	12,355	11.4	4.21	3.28	5.80	162
Dec	12	41	10	5,424	2,263	13,453	9.8	4.24	3.29	5.79	160
Jan 2022	12	41	11	5,553	2,495	14,489	8.5	4.25	3.30	5.79	165
Feb	13	41	8	5,557	2,390	15,358	8.2	4.23	3.29	5.79	163
Mar	13	41	9	5,797	2,759	15,349	7.7	4.17	3.25	5.79	159
Apr	12	41	9	5,117	2,350	15,306	8.6	4.10	3.21	5.78	154
May	12	41	9	4,490	2,075	14,898	9.5	4.02	3.15	5.80	161
Jun	12	41	9	5,587	2,488	14,811	6.6	3.95	3.12	5.80	177
Jul	11	41	9	5,841	2,584	14,241	6.0	3.92	3.08	5.78	193
Aug	10	44	9	5,997	2,896	15,299	5.8	3.96	3.11	5.80	199
Sep	10	44	9	6,014	2,774	15,358	6.1	4.05	3.18	5.79	190
Oct	10	44	10	5,964	2,875	15,530	5.9	4.19	3.27	5.77	171
Nov	10	44	9		2,977		5.7	4.25	3.31	5.78	166

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.		
Nov 2021	1.9038	11.73	17.98	1.9218	13.53	19.78	2.1611	1.2478	11.23	18.40		
Dec	2.1139	12.20	19.17	2.1319	14.00	20.97	2.2989	1.3578	12.22	19.84		
Jan 2022	2.2660	12.21	19.71	2.2840	14.01	21.51	2.9637	1.4344	12.91	22.83		
Feb	2.7537	12.44	21.64	2.7717	14.24	23.44	3.0288	1.5189	13.67	23.79		
Mar	2.9838	12.89	22.88	3.0018	14.69	24.68	3.1005	1.6011	14.41	24.76		
Apr	3.1098	13.98	24.38	3.1278	15.78	26.18	3.1531	1.6900	15.21	25.71		
May	3.1373	14.99	25.45	3.1553	16.79	27.25	3.1126	1.7244	15.52	25.87		
Jun	3.0728	15.66	25.87	3.0908	17.46	27.67	3.3393	1.7222	15.50	26.65		
Jul	3.3543	14.64	25.87	3.3723	16.44	27.67	3.3670	1.7133	15.42	26.66		
Aug	3.3886	13.75	25.13	3.4066	15.55	26.93	3.4071	1.7256	15.53	26.91		
Sep	3.4201	12.07	23.62	3.4381	13.87	25.42	3.5723	1.6133	14.52	26.51		
Oct	3.5671	10.60	22.71	3.5851	12.40	24.51	3.6637	1.4856	13.37	25.73		
Nov	3.6774	11.63	24.09	3.6954	13.43	25.89	3.3790	1.4789	13.31	24.67		
Dec	3.2946	11.45	22.58	3.3126	13.25	24.38		1.3867	12.48			
Jan 2023	3.2827	11.32	21.41	3.3007	13.12	24.21		1.3689	12.32			

		Cla	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.
Nov 2021	2.1541	2.7536	0.3949	10.87	18.03	2.1541	1.2960	11.66	18.79
Dec	2.2919	2.5937	0.4532	10.71	18.36	2.2919	1.3655	12.29	19.88
Jan 2022	2.9567	2.3563	0.5249	10.40	20.38	2.9567	1.4662	13.20	23.09
Feb	3.0218	2.3168	0.5983	10.71	20.91	3.0218	1.5450	13.91	24.00
Mar	3.0935	2.7182	0.6131	12.04	22.45	3.0935	1.6113	14.50	24.82
Apr	3.1461	3.4239	0.5565	13.90	24.42	3.1461	1.6470	14.82	25.31
May	3.1056	3.8696	0.4857	14.86	25.21	3.1056	1.6253	14.63	24.99
Jun	3.3323	3.4173	0.4295	13.13	24.33	3.3323	1.6313	14.68	25.83
Jul	3.3600	2.9116	0.3596	11.15	22.52	3.3600	1.6160	14.54	25.79
Aug	3.4001	2.1417	0.3146	8.50	20.10	3.4001	1.4862	13.38	24.81
Sep	3.5653	1.8847	0.2998	7.61	19.82	3.5653	1.3984	12.59	24.63
Oct	3.6567	2.4512	0.2952	9.34	21.81	3.6567	1.4000	12.60	24.96
Nov	3.3720	2.5374	0.2837	9.54	21.01	3.3720	1.3233	11.91	23.30

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.
Sep 2021	0.18	16.71	1.9388	2.6010	0.3445	0.00082	18.07
Oct	(0.16)	17.67	1.9414	3.0130	0.3560	0.00088	19.43
Nov	0.18	18.21	2.1541	2.7536	0.3949	0.00088	20.57
Dec	0.25	18.61	2.2919	2.5937	0.4532	0.00088	21.28
Jan 2022	0.21	20.59	2.9567	2.3563	0.5249	0.00095	23.36
Feb	0.28	21.19	3.0218	2.3168	0.5983	0.00095	23.85
Mar	0.21	22.66	3.0935	2.7182	0.6131	0.00103	25.10
Apr	0.13	24.55	3.1461	3.4239	0.5565	0.00115	26.48
May	0.13	25.34	3.1056	3.8696	0.4857	0.00121	26.74
Jun	0.30	24.63	3.3323	3.4173	0.4295	0.00117	25.59
Jul	0.41	22.93	3.3600	2.9116	0.3596	0.00110	23.80
Aug	0.50	20.60	3.4001	2.1417	0.3146	0.00099	21.93
Sep	0.46	20.28	3.5653	1.8847	0.2998	0.00098	22.13
Oct	0.22	22.03	3.6567	2.4512	0.2952	0.00108	24.53
Nov	0.29	21.30	3.3720	2.5374	0.2837	0.00104	

Summary of Federal Order Data - November 2022

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	2,178,874	677,409	31.1	\$ 27.34	\$3.26	\$ 24.27	\$ 22.82	\$4.73
5	Appalachian	441,844	334,825	75.8	27.49	n/a	26.24	24.64	5.11
6	Florida	207,016	174,541	84.3	29.49	n/a	28.27	24.67	5.34
7	Southeast	307,192	228,417	74.4	27.89	n/a	26.65	24.65	5.43
30	Upper Midwest	2,977,294	169,990	5.7	25.89	0.29	21.30	21.30	3.09
32	Central	1,289,172	378,108	29.3	26.09	1.27	22.28	22.08	4.03
33	Mideast	1,317,661	526,961	40.0	26.09	1.74	22.75	22.55	4.22
51	California	1,989,070	410,871	20.7	26.19	1.34	22.35	22.05	3.59
124	Pacific Northwest	585,224	135,812	23.2	25.99	1.35	22.36	22.26	3.98
126	Southwest	1,112,076	328,470	29.5	27.09	1.97	22.98	21.78	3.92
131	Arizona	417,310	119,597	28.7	26.44	n/a	23.60	23.05	4.45
All Ma	arket Average or Total *	12,822,734	3,485,002	27.2					

n/a = Not applicable.

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