

NATIONAL DAIRY MARKET NEWS AT A GLANCE**CME GROUP CASH MARKETS (4/17)**

BUTTER: Grade AA closed at \$1.8075. The weekly average for Grade AA is \$1.7745 (+.0275).

CHEESE: Barrels closed at \$1.6250 and 40# blocks at \$1.5750. The weekly average for barrels is \$1.6150 (+.0080) and blocks, \$1.5740 (-.0035).

BUTTER HIGHLIGHTS: Butter production is steady to increasing. Some manufacturers are seeing sales above expectations. Export demand is down in the central region, but up in the west due to assistance programs. Most companies would like to make and store product for future use but are unable to at current demand levels. Cream is available and some manufacturers are purchasing extra loads in order to fulfill current print orders. Bulk butter prices range from 4 to 6 cents over market Northeast, from even to 6 cents over in the Central region and 4 cents under to 5 cents over market in the West. Friday at the CME Group, Grade AA butter closed at \$1.8075, up \$.0550 from last Friday.

CHEESE HIGHLIGHTS: Cheese plants throughout the country are mostly operating at full or near to full schedules. Milk production is seasonally moving up and in varied locations, surplus milk is available at below Class prices attractive to some cheese manufacturers. Cheese sales are good for most manufacturers. Mozzarella domestic interest is good, as is export interest. Cheddar demand is also good. Restaurant and food service sales are mentioned as very good by many plants, as dining away from home or dining on carry out food remains a significant draw. Cheese is often a component of this type of meal. Some cheese manufacturers observe that while people with more than one job to gain extra income might not seem like typical customers for food prepared outside homes, they see many of these consumers as more likely to buy food service food as opposed to cooking, when they finally get home. According to FAS, imports of high tier and quota Italian-type cheese from January through March 2015 totaled 7.7 million pounds, up 65% compared to last year. Imports of high tier and quota Swiss/Emmentaler varieties from January through March 2015 totaled 12.8 million pounds, 19% more than last year. Barrels closed Friday at \$1.6250, up \$.0150 from last week Friday, and 40# blocks closed at \$1.5750, down \$.0025.

FLUID MILK: Farm level milk production is steady to rising seasonally across the West, Midwest, and East. California production is flat to edging higher. However, plant intake volumes in the state are generally below those of one year ago. Water remains a topic of concern. Manufacturers in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions are operating at full production levels in anticipation of supply volume increases. Class I sales volumes in the East and West have improved as schools resume classes, however bottling demand was down in the Midwest this week.

DRY PRODUCTS: Prices for low/medium and high heat nonfat dry milk are steady to lower across the board. Market tone is weak in the East and West and uncertain in the Central region as buyers hold out for better pricing. Dry buttermilk prices are steady to lower in the Central, Eastern, and Western regions. Production is active as butter production is also active. Limited trading in dry whole milk held prices unchanged. Central dry whey prices are mixed, while Northeastern and Western prices moved lower. The market tone is weak and the demand is mixed. Whey protein concentrate 34% prices are unchanged to lower. Lactose prices are unchanged. Buyers and sellers indicate a steadier market this week. A few manufacturers report growing export demand from Southeast Asia. Casein prices are mixed. Demand and market tone are weak.

INTERNATIONAL DAIRY MARKET NEWS (DMN):
WESTERN AND EASTERN EUROPE: WESTERN OVERVIEW: Western European milk production is comparable with recent weeks, not showing any significant change going into the first full week of the non-quota era. Uncertainty remains with many in the industry as to just how quickly and to what levels milk production will reach as the season progresses towards the seasonal peak in the coming weeks. Weather conditions are improving with warmer temps and sunshine replacing the cool, wet, windy weather recently covering a good portion of Western Europe's major dairy producing areas. Most all dairy commodity markets have experienced light trading as a majority of buyers are willing to wait for possible future price declines as northern hemisphere milk production moves towards the seasonal peak. February milk delivery estimates, released by ZMB, showed deliveries 2% below year ago levels.

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CME GROUP CASH TRADING

COMMODITY	MONDAY APR 13	TUESDAY APR 14	WEDNESDAY APR 15	THURSDAY APR 16	FRIDAY APR 17	:: ::	WEEKLY CHANGE*	:: ::	WEEKLY AVERAGE#
CHEESE									
BARRELS	\$1.6100 (N.C.)	\$1.6100 (N.C.)	\$1.6150 (+.0050)	\$1.6150 (N.C.)	\$1.6250 (+.0100)	:: ::	(+.0150)	:: ::	\$1.6150 (+.0080)
40# BLOCKS	\$1.5775 (N.C.)	\$1.5725 (-.0050)	\$1.5725 (N.C.)	\$1.5725 (N.C.)	\$1.5750 (+.0025)	:: ::	(-.0025)	:: ::	\$1.5740 (-.0035)
NONFAT DRY MILK									
GRADE A	\$.9300 (N.C.)	\$.9275 (-.0025)	\$.9275 (N.C.)	\$.9250 (-.0025)	\$.9250 (N.C.)	:: ::	(-.0050)	:: ::	\$.9270 (-.0370)
BUTTER									
GRADE AA	\$1.7525 (N.C.)	\$1.7700 (+.0175)	\$1.7700 (N.C.)	\$1.7725 (+.0025)	\$1.8075 (+.0350)	:: ::	(+.0550)	:: ::	\$1.7745 (+.0275)

NATIONAL DAIRY MARKET NEWS AT A GLANCE**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

EASTERN OVERVIEW: Eastern European milk production estimates for February have milk volumes above year ago levels, but Poland and the Baltic states had production volumes below year ago levels. Weather conditions have improved with warmer temperatures and increased sunshine, prompting forage and pasture growth. Milk production will continue to increase in the coming weeks as it builds towards the seasonal peak sometime in May.

OCEANIA OVERVIEW: **Australian** Australian weather has been favorable to milk production in most dairy regions, leading to production increases. However, demand for dairy products from traditional large Asian customers has become sluggish due to what is perceived as the slowing of China's economy as it matures. Carryover inventories for many processors are said to be weighing on markets as well. These factors are contributing to weaker prices as the season end draws closer. **New Zealand's** New Zealand's February milk production as reported by DCANZ was 1.86 million MT, down from 1.97 MT in February 2014 and 1.76 MT in February 2013. At the April 15 GDT event #138, average prices ranged from 7.8% lower to 2.7% higher from the prior event across categories. The all contracts price averages (US\$ per MT) and percent changes from the previous average are: anhydrous milk fat, \$3,774 +2.3%; butter, \$3,026 -6.6%; buttermilk powder, \$2,208 +2.1%; cheddar cheese, \$2,888 +2.7%; lactose, \$572, n.a., rennet casein, \$6,949 -0.6%; skim milk powder, \$2,253 -7.8%; sweet whey powder, n.a.; and whole milk powder, \$2,446 -4.3%.

NATIONAL RETAIL REPORT – DAIRY (DMN): Advertised Prices at Major Retail Supermarket Outlets 04/17 to 04/23/2015. Release of this report is delayed due to data issues. <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/DairyRetailReport>

JANUARY MAILBOX PRICES (AMS & CDFA): In January 2015, mailbox milk prices for selected reporting areas in Federal milk orders averaged \$17.71 per cwt, down \$3.12 from the December 2014 average, and down \$5.76 per cwt from the January 2014 average. The component tests of producer milk in January 2015 were: butterfat, 3.85 percent; protein, 3.17 percent; and other solids, 5.74 percent. When compared to the previous month, the January Mailbox prices decreased in all Federal milk order reporting areas with a simple average decrease of \$3.41 per cwt. The Southeast States experienced the greatest decrease of \$4.67 per cwt. Mailbox prices in January 2015 ranged from \$21.33 in Florida to \$15.19 in New Mexico.

CME GROUP

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015

CHEESE -- SALES: NONE; LAST BID UNFILLED: NONE; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: NONE
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: NONE; LAST BID UNFILLED: NONE; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: NONE
 BUTTER -- SALES: NONE; LAST BID UNFILLED: 1 CAR GRADE AA @ \$1.7525; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 1 CAR GRADE AA @ \$1.8100

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015

CHEESE -- SALES: 1 CAR 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.5725; LAST BID UNFILLED: NONE; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 1 CAR BARRELS @ \$1.6100
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: 1 CAR GRADE A @ \$0.9300; LAST BID UNFILLED: NONE; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 1 CAR GRADE A @ \$0.9275
 BUTTER -- SALES: 9 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$1.7650, 1 @ \$1.7725, 6 @ \$1.7800, 1 @ \$1.7700; LAST BID UNFILLED: 1 CAR GRADE AA @ \$1.7700; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 2 CARS GRADE AA @ \$1.8000

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

CHEESE -- SALES: NONE; LAST BID UNFILLED: 1 CAR BARRELS @ \$1.6150; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: NONE
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: 1 CAR GRADE A @ \$0.9275; LAST BID UNFILLED: 1 CAR GRADE A @ \$0.9175; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: NONE
 BUTTER -- SALES: NONE; LAST BID UNFILLED: NONE; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 3 CARS GRADE AA @ \$1.8050

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015

CHEESE -- SALES: NONE; LAST BID UNFILLED: 1 CAR 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.5725; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: NONE
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: 4 CARS GRADE A: 1 @ \$0.9250, 1 @ \$0.9225, 1 @ \$0.9200, 1 @ \$0.9225; LAST BID UNFILLED: 1 CAR GRADE A @ \$0.9250; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: NONE
 BUTTER -- SALES: NONE; LAST BID UNFILLED: 1 CAR GRADE AA @ \$1.7725; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: NONE

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015

CHEESE -- SALES: 1 CAR BARRELS @ \$1.6250; 1 CAR 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.5750; LAST BID UNFILLED: 1 CAR 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.5725; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: NONE
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: NONE; LAST BID UNFILLED: NONE; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: NONE
 BUTTER -- SALES: 1 CAR GRADE AA @ \$1.8025; LAST BID UNFILLED: 1 CAR GRADE AA @ \$1.8075; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: NONE

BUTTER MARKETS

NORTHEAST

Regional butter makers are actively pursuing additional cream, as they look to increase production. However, some balancing plants find it advantageous to trade available cream supplies in lieu of churning butter. Retail butter market interest is exceeding the expectations of manufacturers, with noted levels of increases in print orders expressed as extremely good. Buyers speculate that butter prices will ease with further advances in the spring flush. The current bulk butter prices for domestic sales are reported 4-6 cents over the market of the CME Group, with various time frames and averages used. Inventories are growing. According to the DMN *National Retail Report-Dairy*, for April 10-16, the national weighted average advertised price for 1-pound butter is \$2.81, up \$0.02 from a year ago. The Northeast price is \$3.06, a \$0.35 increase from the previous week. In the Southeast, the butter price averaged \$2.69, a \$0.44 increase compared to a week ago. Tuesday's CME Group cash trading saw Grade AA butter close at \$1.7700, up \$0.0300 from a week ago.

CENTRAL

Current butter promotions are aiding in demand for butter. Sales are up slightly with the warmer weather setting in. Some manufacturers believe that unfavorable weather conditions in other regions have also helped with the increase in sales. Export demand is down, with some companies importing butter due to better pricing. Production is steady as some manufacturers are making and storing product for future demand. Cream supplies are available. Some companies are buying cream loads at the beginning of the week, when butter sales are higher and selling cream at the end of the week when their butter sales are slower. Bulk butter prices remain unchanged, ranging from market to 6 cents over the market, based on the CME Group and various indices. According to the DMN *National Retail Report- Dairy*, for April 10-16, the weighted average advertised price for a 1 pound package of butter in the Midwest was \$2.19, with a range of \$1.89-2.49. The national

weighted average price is \$2.81, a 35 cent increase from last week and 2 cents higher than a year ago. The Grade AA butter price at the CME Group closed Wednesday at \$1.7700, a 2 cent increase from last Wednesday's close.

WEST

Print production volumes remain strong in the West. Strong enough that some manufacturers are concerned that time available to build comfortable inventory levels to carry through summer is becoming uncomfortably compressed. A number of manufacturers would like to rebuild inventories. Some plants are purchasing extra cream to maintain churning volumes. This is pulling cream from varied western states to other states and the flows are leading to yet other cream being consequentially pushed into the Midwest. Some butter is moving into export with the assistance of subsidies although butter exports still lag the volumes a year ago. The National Retail Report – Dairy for the week April 10 – 16, found that the U.S. weighted average advertised price of 1# butter is \$2.81, \$.35 above the price one week ago and \$.02 above one year ago. Retail prices for 1# butter in the Southwest have a weighted average advertised price of \$3.17 and in the Northwest, \$3.28. Bulk butter pricing in the West this week is 4 cents under market to 5 cents above, based on the CME Group with various time frames and averages used. The Grade AA butter price at the CME Group on Wednesday closed at \$1.7700, up \$0.0200 from a week ago.

2015 U.S. Butter Imports (USDA-FAS)

	(Million Lb.)	% Change From 1 Year Ago	% of Yearly Quota
Mar. Quota Imports	2.8	+ 78	19
Jan. - Mar.			
High Tier	2.0	+2812	N.A.
Quota Imports	6.0	+ 68	39

NATIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS SALES REPORT

U.S. AVERAGES AND TOTAL POUNDS

WEEK ENDING	BUTTER	CHEESE 40# BLOCKS	CHEESE BARRELS 38% MOISTURE	DRY WHEY	NDM
April 11, 2015	1.7425 3,157,562	1.5767 12,092,025	1.6131 10,095,742	.4652 6,915,233	0.9752 21,893,401

Further data and revisions may be found on the internet at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/DairyProductMandatoryReporting>

CHEESE MARKETS

NORTHEAST

Production in the Northeast is generally busy for most cheese operations as vat activity levels climb higher with milk supplies. The region's cheddar operations are running 7-day production schedules. Supplies moving into aging programs are progressively increasing. Mozzarella sales are seasonally active. Process cheese is expected to see more movement as warm temperatures prevail. Cheese demand is light to moderate. The market undertone is steady. This week, wholesale cheese prices for cheddar and muenster remained the same, but prices for process 5# sliced increased \$0.0175. Grade A Swiss prices are unchanged. Cheese prices on the CME Group remain fairly steady, with limited sales over the past week through Tuesday's trading session. Tuesday's CME Group daily cash prices saw blocks close at \$1.5725, down \$0.0050 from a week ago; barrels closed at \$1.6100, unchanged from a week ago. According to the DMN *National Retail Report-Dairy*, for April 10-16, the Northeast weighted average advertised price for 8 oz. cheese blocks was \$2.32, 8 cents less than the national average but 12 cents more than a week ago. The Southeast 8 oz. block cheese price was \$2.45, 21 cents more than the previous week.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: DELIVERED,
DOLLARS PER POUND (1000 - 5000 POUNDS MIXED LOTS)

Cheddar 40# Block	:	1.9750-2.2600
Process 5# Sliced	:	1.8325-2.3125
Muenster	:	1.9950-2.3450
Grade A Swiss Cuts 10 - 14#	:	3.2525-3.5750

MIDWEST

As always, there are variations between the world view in varied cheese plants. However, most cheese manufacturers in the Midwest are comfortable with current market conditions. "Very good markets" is a characterization offered this week, meaning production schedules are full but cheese is readily moving out the door. A few plants have slightly lower cheese sales volume which is leading to increasing inventory levels. Generally the increased inventories are accepted as a good cushion for ensuring steady sales deliveries later in the year. As has been the situation for a number of weeks, some plants are at or near full production. A plant in the region has closed due to old age and the effort needed to modernize. Another cheese plant is down for maintenance, which is sending the milk not used there throughout the state seeking a home, adding to other surplus milk already seeking a home. Surplus milk in Wisconsin is selling at prices as low as \$5.00 below Class, depending on timing and location. Some plants are expanding cheese production schedules to take advantage of the extra milk but some other plants are already at maximum production. Credit is given to robust restaurant and food service sales for adding to retail interest in maintaining current high demand for cheese. In fact, some cheese plant expansions are now underway to increase production capacity based in part on expectations for continuing strong demand for cheese. These plants are encouraging dairy producers selling milk to the plants to increase milk production to supply pending expansions of plant capacity. The *National Retail Report - Dairy* (DMN) found that April 10 to April 16 Midwest ads for 8 ounce shredded cheese have a weighted average advertised price of \$2.50, 15 cents higher than the national average, \$2.35. All Midwest prices are \$2.50. One year ago the national average price was \$2.44. For 8 ounce blocks, the Midwest average price is \$2.38, 2 cents lower than the national average price, \$2.40. Midwest ads are priced from \$2.33 to \$2.50. One year ago the national average price was \$2.22. Wisconsin wholesale prices for 1,000 to 5,000 pound mixed lots of process cheese increased \$.0175, and the remaining varieties are unchanged. In CME Group

trading Wednesday, Barrels closed at \$1.6150, up \$.0050 from last Wednesday and Blocks closed at \$1.5725, down \$.0050 from last Wednesday. This moved the barrel - block price inversion to \$.0435 this week, up from \$.0325 last week.

WISCONSIN WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: DELIVERED,
DOLLARS PER POUND (1000 - 5000 POUNDS MIXED LOTS)

Process American 5# Loaf	:	1.7150-2.0750
Brick And/Or Muenster 5#	:	1.9550-2.3800
Cheddar 40# Block	:	1.6825-2.0775
Monterey Jack 10#	:	1.9300-2.1350
Blue 5#	:	2.2225-3.2100
Mozzarella 5 - 6# (Low Moisture, Part Skim)	:	1.7550-2.6950
Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	:	2.7700-2.8875

WEST

Export interest is driving increased emphasis on producing mozzarella and provolone in some western cheese plants. Many manufacturers also continue to have excellent domestic cheese sales interest. There is less commentary about surplus milk in the West than Midwest, but many western cheese plants are quite heavily scheduled nevertheless. Manufacturers seem to have confidence that what is made will be sold and, if not, many also seek to notch their own inventories higher for a cushion in coming months. Some western cheese is moving into export with subsidies assisting. The DMN *National Retail Report-Dairy* for the week of April 10 - 16 shows the U.S. weighted average advertised retail price for an 8 ounce pack of natural shredded cheese is \$2.35, down \$.04 from last week and down \$.09 from a year ago. Packs averaged \$2.36 in the Southwest but there are no ads in the Northwest. For 8 ounce blocks, the U.S. price is \$2.40, up 9 cents from last week and up 18 cents from a year ago. Blocks in the Southwest averaged \$2.43 and in the Northwest, \$2.59. Western wholesale prices are up \$.0175 for process, and the remaining varieties are unchanged. In CME Group trading Wednesday, Barrels closed at \$1.6150, up \$.0050 from last Wednesday and Blocks closed at \$1.5725, down \$.0050 from last Wednesday. This moved the barrel - block price inversion to \$.0425, up from \$.0325 last Wednesday.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: DELIVERED, DOLLARS PER POUND
(1000 - 5000 POUNDS MIXED LOTS)

Process 5# Loaf	:	1.7300-1.9875
Cheddar 40# Block	:	1.6875-2.1325
Cheddar 10# Cuts	:	1.8675-2.0875
Monterey Jack 10#	:	1.8775-2.0375
Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	:	2.8300-3.2600

2015 U.S. Cheese Imports (USDA-FAS)

	(Million Lb.)	% Change From 1 Year Ago	% of Yearly Quota
Mar. Quota Imports	18.0	+ 45	6
Jan. - Mar. High Tier	8.2	+ 19	N.A.
Quota Imports	43.6	+ 25	15

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CHEESE MARKETS

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FOREIGN

Cheese prices were unchanged for all domestic and imported varieties this week. Retail demand for imported and domestic type foreign cheese is leveling off at lower levels following the recent holiday. European aged cheese supplies are rebuilding with current availability relatively low. According to FAS, imports of high tier and quota Italian-type cheese from January through March 2015 totaled 7.7 million pounds, up 65% compared to last year. Imports of high tier and quota Swiss/Emmenthaler varieties from January through March 2015 totaled 12.8 million pounds, 19% more than last year. FAS regulations require 2015 license fee payments be transmitted no later than May 1, 2015. May 1 is also the last transmission date for a licensee to notify FAS that they will not accept a license for 2015.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: FOB DISTRIBUTORS DOCK
DOLLARS PER POUND (1000 - 5000 POUNDS, MIXED LOTS)

VARIETY	NEW YORK	
	IMPORTED	DOMESTIC
Blue	2.6400-5.3800	2.1150-3.6025
Gorgonzola	3.6900-6.4900	2.6225-3.3200
Parmesan (Italy)	-0-	3.5050-5.5950
Provolone (Italy)	-0-	2.1575-2.4100
Romano (Cows Milk)	-0-	3.3050-5.4550
Sardo Romano (Argentine)	2.8500-4.4900	-0-
Reggianito (Argentine)	3.2900-4.7500	-0-
Jarlsberg-(Brand)	2.9500-6.2500	-0-
Swiss Cuts Switzerland	-0-	3.3500-3.6725
Swiss Cuts Finnish	2.6700-2.9300	-0-

* = Price change.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS
IN THOUSAND POUNDS - INCLUDING GOVERNMENT STOCKS

	BUTTER	CHEESE
04/13/15	12,736	98,667
04/01/15	10,636	95,684
CHANGE	2,100	2,983
% CHANGE	20	3

FLUID MILK AND CREAM

EAST

SPOT SHIPMENTS OF GRADE A MILK INTO OR OUT OF FLORIDA & SOUTHEASTERN STATES

	THIS WEEK		LAST WEEK		LAST YEAR	
	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	IN	OUT
FLORIDA	0	100	0	130	0	140
SOUTHEAST STATES	0	0	0	0	0	0

Milk production in the Northeast is on the rise, with seasonally warmer temperatures. Balancing plants are running full as they manage heavy milk volumes. Class I demand has improved. Mid-Atlantic milk production is seasonally higher. Manufacturers are scheduling heavily to maximize production of butter and nonfat dry milk as milk supply volumes increase. Spring flush in the Southeast continues to increase milk production. Rainfall is likely to impact production in some areas. However, volumes are expected to rise incrementally in the area over the next few weeks before peaking. Strong Class I sales led to the reallocation of area manufacturing milk supplies. Florida's milk production is steady. A marginal decline is anticipated as temperatures linger 5-8 degrees above normal, impacting cow comfort. Class I sales have bounced back following the holidays. Milk shipments exported this week totaled 100 spot loads, 30 less than last week and 40 fewer than a year ago. According to the *DMN National Retail Report-Dairy*, for April 10-16, the U.S. weighted average advertised price for a gallon of milk was \$2.80, a \$0.20 decline compared to last year, but a \$0.23 increase from last week. Cream usage for manufacturing butter surged in the Northeast. Interest from ice cream processors improved in the warmer Southern states. Demand is seasonally moderate. Some contacts noted a backup in cream supplies, as a scheduled maintenance activity limited processing at a Northeast manufacturing plant. **Cream multiples for all Classes ranged 1.11-1.22.** At the CME Group, Grade AA butter closed Wednesday at \$1.7700, up \$0.0200 from a week ago. **Condensed skim** is plentiful. Spot transactions are light. Nonfat dry milk offers a better pricing incentive for cheese manufacturing. Dryer schedules are seasonally heavy as condensed skim volumes strain capacity at some plants.

FLUID CREAM AND CONDENSED SKIM PRICES IN TANKLOT QUANTITIES

SPOT PRICES OF CLASS II CREAM, DOLLARS PER LB. BUTTERFAT:

F.O.B. producing plants: Northeast - 1.9391-2.1313
 F.O.B. producing plants: Upper Midwest - 2.1313-2.2012

PRICES OF CONDENSED SKIM, DOLLARS PER LB. SOLIDS,

F.O.B. PRODUCING PLANTS:

Northeast - Class II - includes monthly formula prices - .96-1.05
 Northeast - Class III - spot prices - 1.00-1.14

MIDWEST

The warmer weather has brought about higher milk production levels. Some manufacturers are at full production levels in order to utilize current intakes. Due to plant shutdowns and closures, manufacturers were finding themselves with higher than normal milk volumes. The circumstances also found truckers at some facilities were waiting hours to unload. The truckers are also hauling the milk greater distance which leads to higher transportation costs. Bottling demand was down this week. Spot loads ranged from \$.50 to \$2.50 under Class, with some reports showing prices as low as \$5.00 under. **Cream multiples are steady to up this week, ranging from 1.22 to 1.26.** Cream is available with ice cream manufacturers pulling heavy

as production is on the rise. The weekly *Cow Slaughter under Federal Inspection* report shows U.S. dairy cow slaughter for the week ending March 28, at 59,100 head, compared to 57,700 for the same week a year ago. According to *DMN National Retail Report-Dairy*, the national weighted average advertised price for the week of April 10-16 for a gallon of milk was \$2.80 compared to \$3.00 a year ago and \$2.57 a week ago. In the Midwest, the advertised price for a gallon of milk was \$2.25, with a range of \$1.99-2.50.

WEST

California milk production is flat to edging higher, with small upticks in intakes registering at several plants. Intake volumes are generally below those of one year ago. Sales into bottling accounts moved higher as classes resume at most educational institutions throughout the state. Field work and forage harvesting continues. Water supplies remain a topic of concern for growers and dairy operations. Reports indicate requests for well drilling have resulted in a multi-month backlog. The May 2015 Class 1 prices in CALIFORNIA range from \$17.06 in the north to \$17.34 in the south. The statewide average Class 1 price based on production is \$17.08. That production average price is \$0.13 higher than April 2015, but \$8.81 lower than May 2014. Milk production in Arizona is higher, approaching the peak of their predicated production season. Milk pooled on the Arizona Order 131 totaled 435.1 million pounds in March 2015. Class I utilization accounted for about 26.1% of producer milk. The uniform price was \$15.33, \$.23 below last month, and \$8.89 below one year ago. In New Mexico, milk haulers report incremental increases are still showing up in farm milk volumes heading into processing. Warmer daytime temperatures are advancing throughout the state, but are not hindering cow comfort. Processors indicate sales into bottlers improved slightly compared to one week ago. Ice cream and specialty drink accounts also took additional milk loads. The first cutting of alfalfa is underway in New Mexico, with 3 percent complete compared to 4 percent on the 5 year average. Western cream markets are active, with California buyers taking in cream from several other states due to in-state supply shortfalls and active butter demand. Sales into ice cream and frozen dessert accounts are increasing seasonally, while sour cream and cream cheese use is trending lower. Cream sales into aerated cream accounts are also more active as berry season advances. Cream prices are firming, based on location, timing, and load characteristics. Multiples moved higher, ranging from 1.19 - 1.29. At the CME Group, Grade AA butter closed Wednesday at \$1.7700, up \$.0200 compared to a week earlier. OREGON milk production is increasing seasonally as expected. Some attention is being paid to southeast Oregon however, which is reported to be very dry. There was less snow pack in that area than was desired. Moving forward, ground conditions will require rain to achieve normal moisture levels. In WASHINGTON the gradual increase in production week over week continues to slightly increase. Milk supplies are adequate and in balance. UTAH and IDAHO milk production is building seasonally. Milk is readily finding buyers. Some milk is moving into the region for manufacturing. Tillage and planting operations have begun.

NONFAT DRY MILK, BUTTERMILK & WHOLE MILK

Prices represent carlot/trucklot quantities for domestic and export sales packaged in 25 kg. or 50 lb. bags, or totes, spray process, dollars per pound.

NONFAT DRY MILK - CENTRAL AND EAST

CENTRAL: Nonfat dry milk prices are steady to lower this week. End users are taking contracted loads but spot buyers seem to be content with current inventories. Manufacturers of low heat are mainly at full capacity as milk production levels are on the rise. Current pricing levels are leaving manufacturers and buyers in flux as buyers take a wait-and-see approach, holding out for better pricing. Some buyers are taking off spec product to receive better prices. The market tone is uncertain. Inventory levels are mixed as some manufacturers report full warehouses while others are tight. Export demand is light. High heat demand is steady but production is varied. Prices were steady to lower this week. Wednesday at the CME Group, Grade A NDM closed at \$.9275, down \$.0425 from last Wednesday.

EAST: Prices for low/medium nonfat dry milk declined at the top of the range due to indices adjusting lower. Seasonal heavy milk production is sending substantial volumes into manufacturing. Plants are reportedly running full in most instances, as drying rates increase for low/medium heat nonfat dry milk. Some manufacturers are limited in their spot offerings, with stocks primarily committed to current and near-term contracts. Overall, inventories levels in the region are moderate and growing. Buyers are mostly employing a hand-to-mouth approach when procuring low/medium heat NDM. The market undertone is weak. High heat nonfat dry milk prices are steady to lower. Production remains light. Most needs are filled on a timely basis. Spot transactions are infrequent.

F.O.B. CENTRAL/EAST: Includes EXTRA GRADE and GRADE A
LOW/MEDIUM HEAT: .9400 - 1.0525 MOSTLY: .9750 - 1.0400
HIGH HEAT: 1.0900 - 1.2000

NONFAT DRY MILK - WEST

Western low/medium heat nonfat dry milk prices are lower across the range and mostly price series. The market tone is weak. On the F.O.B. spot market, many buyers are concerned about buying NDM too far ahead of just in time needs on a declining market. However, a few large volume end users purchased NDM to carry them through a portion of the year. One or two manufacturers cleared blocks of loads via the F.O.B. spot market at the end of last week, temporarily lowering inventories. NDM low/medium production is active in the Western region. Manufacturing milk supplies are building in some areas, but flattening in other areas. Plant operators report intakes are still within plant capacities. Low/medium heat nonfat dry milk inventories are building. High heat nonfat dry milk prices are lower. Contractual sales represent a large portion of weekly transactions. High heat NDM production is occurring at one end of the week or the other to accommodate dryer time spent on low/medium heat NDM.

F.O.B. WEST: Includes EXTRA GRADE and GRADE A
LOW/MEDIUM HEAT: .8725 - 1.0600 MOSTLY: .9200 - .9950
HIGH HEAT: 1.0425 - 1.2100

DRY BUTTERMILK - CENTRAL AND EAST

CENTRAL: Dry buttermilk prices are steady to lower this week. Inventory levels are mixed with most contacts reporting that there is excess buttermilk in the region. Buttermilk production remains solid as butter production also remains strong. Discounts are being offered for condensed buttermilk so manufacturers can dry other products.

EAST: Dry buttermilk prices are steady to lower. Reports suggest that scheduled dryer times for dry buttermilk are not as prominent as for nonfat dry milk. As a result, a substantial amount of buttermilk is moving through condensed form into Class II usage. Dry buttermilk stocks are light to moderate on limited churning at some plants. Trading is light. Buying is being carried out in a hand-to-mouth fashion. Demand is at seasonally expected levels for ice cream production. The market undertone is mixed.

F.O.B. CENTRAL/EAST: .8300 - 1.0200

DRY BUTTERMILK - WEST

Western dry buttermilk prices are steady on the range, but lower on the mostly as several F.O.B. spot loads cleared early in the week. Demand from the ice cream sector is seasonally moving higher. Bakery and snack accounts are also taking dry buttermilk loads on an as-contracted basis. The F.O.B. spot loads that cleared during the week reduced inventories at some locations for the near term. However, butter production in the west is active, as is dry buttermilk production, and inventories are expected to rebuild.

F.O.B. WEST: .8500 - 1.0100 MOSTLY: .8600 - .8900

DRY WHOLE MILK - NATIONAL

Limited trading kept dry whole milk prices unchanged. A few buyers report they are receiving supply offers from Oceania producers for Q4, which points to intentions of active whole milk powder production during Q3 in Oceania. Domestic producers indicate most F.O.B. spot transactions are largely driven by price. Production of dry whole milk is intermittent; inventories are generally steady.

F.O.B. PRODUCING PLANT: 1.0500 - 1.5400

CALIFORNIA MANUFACTURING PLANTS - NDM

WEEK ENDING	PRICE	TOTAL SALES
April 10	\$.9765	14,801,129
April 3	\$.9833	11,007,822

Prices are weighted averages for Extra Grade and Grade A Nonfat Dry Milk, f.o.b. California manufacturing plants. Prices for both periods were influenced by effects of long-term contract sales. Total sales (pounds) include sales to CCC. Compiled by Dairy Marketing Branch, California Department of Food and Agriculture.

WHEY, WPC 34%, LACTOSE & CASEIN

Prices represent carlot/trucklot quantities for domestic and export sales packaged in 25 kg. or 50 lb. bags, or totes, spray process, dollars per pound.

DRY WHEY - CENTRAL

Dry whey prices are mixed this week. Production levels are steady as cheese output continues to be strong. The market tone is weak and there have been a few spots sales. The strength of the dollar has led to lower export demand. Some end users are using off spec product or are utilizing other protein sources for more favorable pricing. Ice cream producers are taking all contracted loads as their production continues to climb. Animal feed prices are unchanged. All contracts are being met. Demand is steady to lower as some manufacturers only produce on a limited basis. Inventory levels are mixed.

F.O.B. CENTRAL: .3600 - .5200 MOSTLY: .4000 - .4500
F.O.B. CENTRAL: ANIMAL FEED MILK REPLACER: .2500 - .3800

DRY WHEY - NORTHEAST

Dry whey prices fell at the top of the range as indices adjusted lower. Production levels are close to plant capacity at some large scale locations. Inventories are moderate and building. In general, demand is fair to good. Transactions in the resale market are active. The whey market undertone remains weak.

F.O.B. NORTHEAST: EXTRA GRADE AND GRADE A: .4300 - .4975

DRY WHEY - WEST

Western dry whey prices moved lower at the top of the mostly price series. Some manufacturers are seeking buyers for spot sales of available inventory but finding resistance at suggested prices in the area of, or higher than mostly prices. Other manufacturers are reported to be sold out except for contract availability. Some prospective buyers believe volumes of whey are available for spot sales but with sellers not being very active in shopping it around at this time. Customers for the most part seem adequately stocked and inclined to defer spot market buying until lower prices are offered. Contract deliveries are moving well with some indices adjusting lower. Some manufacturers' whey available outside of contracts is moving into export rather than the domestic spot market.

NONHYGROSCOPIC: .3800 - .5050 MOSTLY: .4200 - .4600

WHEY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE - CENTRAL AND WEST

The whey protein concentrate 34% range and mostly prices are unchanged to lower. A weak nonfat dry milk market and ready availability of WPC 34% from various sources continues to beleaguer this market. Some manufacturers are taking steps to reduce current WPC 34% production by diverting fluid whey to dry whey manufacturing. However, WPC 34% production at other sites is ongoing, following the trend of cheese production. Inventories are variable from manufacturer to manufacturer.

F.O.B. EXTRA GRADE 34% PROTEIN: .8400 - 1.1200 MOSTLY: .8600 - 1.0300

LACTOSE - CENTRAL AND WEST

Lactose prices are unchanged on the mostly series, but adjusted lower on the top of the range as changes in various market indices affect weekly pricing. Buyers and sellers indicate the market tone seems steadier than in past weeks. A few manufacturers report demand is steady to growing, especially from Southeast Asia. Buyers are agreeing to various pricing structures, including fixed, weekly market basis, and lagging market averages. For some producers, these late offers are considered helpful in clearing inventories. Several manufacturers report they are arranging shipping to Asia/Oceania 2 - 3 weeks ahead of schedule to avoid late arrivals at buyers' locations. Edible lactose volumes that generally clear into feed end uses are still running into competitively priced permeate undercutting lactose prices. Lactose production is ongoing as cheese production is steady to higher. Inventories range from tight to above needed for contract fulfillment.

Including spot sales and up to 3 month contracts.

F.O.B. EDIBLE, NON PHARMACEUTICAL .1800 - .3400 MOSTLY: .2000 - .2750

CASEIN - NATIONAL

Casein prices are mixed with acid casein decreasing on the low end of the range on spot sales activity, while rennet casein held unchanged. Numerous off-spec loads of acid casein have been offered at significantly discounted prices in recent weeks which have contributed to price declines for on-spec loads. Demand is weak as buyers are confident the more than adequate global supply situation will continue, allowing them to bid needed spot loads and negotiate Q3 contracts at lower price levels. The market undertone is weak. At the April 15 GDT event 138, the average winning price for rennet casein for all contract periods decreased 0.6% to \$6,949/MT.

SPOT SALES AND UP TO 3 MONTH CONTRACTS. PRICES ARE F.O.B., U.S. WAREHOUSE FOR EDIBLE NONRESTRICTED AND VARY ACCORDING TO MESH SIZE AND QUALITY.

RENNET: 3.3500 - 3.8000
ACID: 3.3500 - 4.1000

U.S. Dairy Cow Slaughter (1000 head) under Federal Inspection

	2015 WEEKLY	2015	2014 WEEKLY	2014
<u>WEEK ENDING</u>	<u>DAIRY COWS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE DAIRY COWS</u>	<u>DAIRY COWS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE DAIRY COWS</u>
03/28/2015	59.1	790.7	57.7	768.0

WEBSITE: http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/sj_ls714.txt

SOURCE: The slaughter data are gathered and tabulated in a cooperative effort by the Agricultural Marketing Service, The Food Safety and Inspection Service, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service, all of USDA.

CLASS III MILK PRICES (3.5% BF)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2010	14.50	14.28	12.78	12.92	13.38	13.62	13.74	15.18	16.26	16.94	15.44	13.83
2011	13.48	17.00	19.40	16.87	16.52	19.11	21.39	21.67	19.07	18.03	19.07	18.77
2012	17.05	16.06	15.72	15.72	15.23	15.63	16.68	17.73	19.00	21.02	20.83	18.66
2013	18.14	17.25	16.93	17.59	18.52	18.02	17.38	17.91	18.14	18.22	18.83	18.95
2014	21.15	23.35	23.33	24.31	22.57	21.36	21.60	22.25	24.60	23.82	21.94	17.82

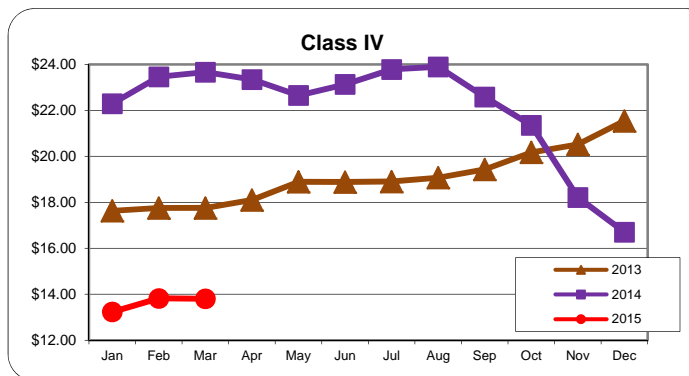
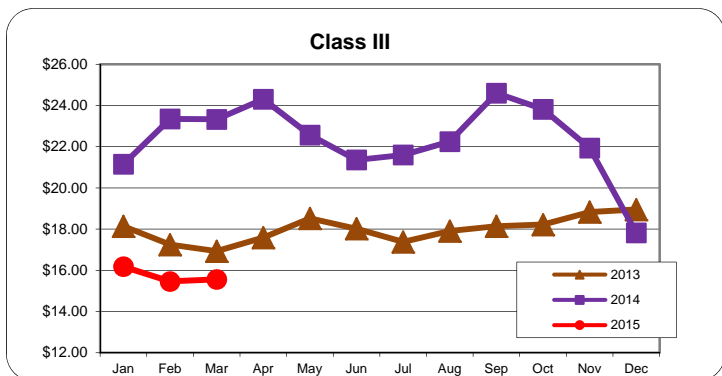
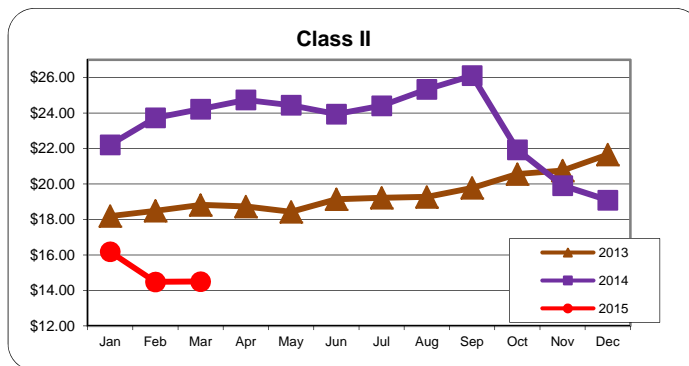
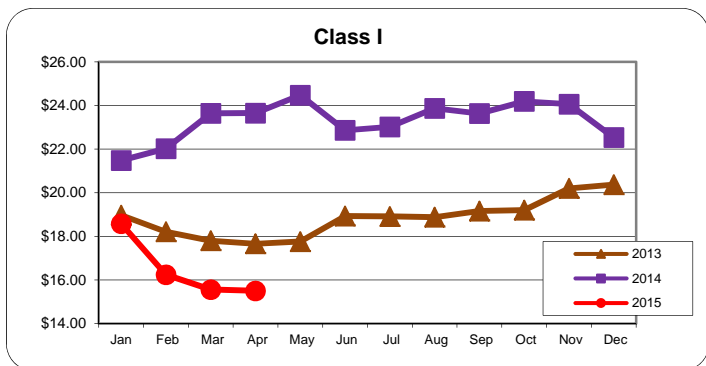
CLASS IV MILK PRICES (3.5%)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2010	13.85	12.90	12.92	13.73	15.29	15.45	15.75	15.61	16.76	17.15	16.68	15.03
2011	16.42	18.40	19.41	19.78	20.29	21.05	20.33	20.14	19.53	18.41	17.87	16.87
2012	16.56	15.92	15.35	14.80	13.55	13.24	14.45	15.76	17.41	18.54	18.66	17.83
2013	17.63	17.75	17.75	18.10	18.89	18.88	18.90	19.07	19.43	20.17	20.52	21.54
2014	22.29	23.46	23.66	23.34	22.65	23.13	23.78	23.89	22.58	21.35	18.21	16.70

FEDERAL MILK ORDER CLASS PRICES FOR 2015 (3.5%)

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1/ Specific order differentials to be added to this base price can be found by going to: www.ams.usda.gov/DairyMarketingStatistics; then select "Prices"; and then select "Principal Pricing Points."



INTERNATIONAL DAIRY MARKET NEWS - EUROPE

Information gathered April 6 - 17, 2015

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WESTERN OVERVIEW: Western European milk production is comparable with recent weeks, not showing any significant change going into the first full week of the non-quota era. Uncertainty remains with many in the industry as to just how quickly and to what levels milk production will reach as the season progresses towards the seasonal peak in the coming weeks. Weather conditions are improving with warmer temps and sunshine replacing the cool, wet, windy weather recently covering a good portion of Western Europe's major dairy producing areas. Most all dairy commodity markets have experienced light trading as a majority of buyers are willing to wait for possible future price declines as northern hemisphere milk production moves towards the seasonal peak. February milk delivery estimates, released by ZMB, showed deliveries 2% below year ago levels.

BUTTER/BUTTEROIL: Bulk butter prices moved marginally lower in light trading. Production of bulk butter has slightly increased in some regions as package demand has subsided following the Easter holiday weekend. Export interest has improved, but actual sales are slow to develop as buyers are uncertain regarding future rates of milk production, butter production and pricing trends. The seasonal increase in northern hemisphere milk and dairy product production is lending support to the market's weak undertone. PSA stock levels through April 5 amounted to 45,200 MT. The Netherlands and France have been the largest contributors to PSA stocks going into the non-quota production year. Butteroil prices moved lower for the fourth consecutive reporting period. Trading remains light with a majority of the activity focusing on domestic transactions. Export demand has slowed as buyers restrict purchases while prices continue on a downward trend.

82% BUTTERFAT: 3,200 - 3,550
99% BUTTERFAT: 3,850 - 4,350

SKIM MILK POWDER (SMP): Prices for SMP moved lower on both ends of the range in light trading. Export buyers continue to consider purchases for Q3 from Europe, but are reticent to finalize transactions, due to uncertainties connected with the end of the quota scheme and possible expansion of milk production that may lead to increased supplies of SMP in the near term. The fairly good export interest could evaporate quickly if U.S. manufacturers, with increasing supplies, decide to offer SMP or nonfat dry milk at prices below European levels. Offers of uncommitted Q2 supplies are being made by some manufacturers in order to keep supplies current. Production of SMP has not expanded significantly as some manufacturers took extended holiday breaks and limited production schedules. PSA stock levels through April 5 amounted to 16,725 MT. Additions to SMP PSA stocks were very limited during the first week of the non-quota year. The market has a weak undertone.

1.25% BUTTERFAT: 1,950 - 2,350

WHOLE MILK POWDER (WMP): Whole milk powder prices moved lower on both ends of the range. Export demand has declined compared to recent weeks, due to readily available supplies and lower prices from New Zealand. Production of whole milk powder in Europe remains constricted as manufacturers are unwilling to greatly expand production beyond current commitments. Some increase in buyer interest, brought about by the comparatively weak euro, has not resulted in sales as buyers are hesitant to make purchases with the possibility of lower prices in the near term.

26% BUTTERFAT: 2,700 - 2,925

SWEET WHEY POWDER: Whey prices declined marginally on the low end of the range this period. Trading activity is quiet coming off the holiday week with the market having a weak undertone. Export demand has lessened as buyers are hesitant to purchase on a downward trending market. Global supplies of whey powder are expected to increase as milk production increases seasonally in Europe and the U.S.

NONHYGROSCOPIC: 900 - 1,150

EASTERN OVERVIEW: Eastern European milk production estimates for February have milk volumes above year ago levels, but Poland and the Baltic states had production volumes below year ago levels. Weather conditions have improved with warmer temperatures and increased sunshine, prompting forage and pasture growth. Milk production will continue to increase in the coming weeks as it builds towards the seasonal peak sometime in May.

**Exchange rates for selected foreign currencies:
April 13, 2015**

.1129 Argentina Peso	.0083 Japan Yen
.7589 Australian Dollar	.0650 Mexican Peso
.7939 Canadian Dollar	.7454 New Zealand Dollar
1.0569 Euro	.2638 Poland Zloty
.0160 India Rupee	

To compare the value of 1 US Dollar to Mexican Pesos: (1/.0650) = 15.3846 Mexican Pesos. Source: "Wall Street Journal"

INTERNATIONAL DAIRY MARKET NEWS - OCEANIA

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AUSTRALIAN weather has been favorable to milk production in most dairy regions, leading to production increases. However, demand for dairy products from traditional large Asian customers has become sluggish due to what is perceived as the slowing of China's economy as it matures. Carryover inventories for many processors are said to be weighing on markets as well. These factors are contributing to weaker prices as the season end draws closer. **NEW ZEALAND'S** February milk production as reported by DCANZ was 1.86 million MT, down from 1.97 MT in February 2014 and 1.76 MT in February 2013. At the April 15 GDT event #138, average prices ranged from 7.8% lower to 2.7% higher from the prior event across categories. The all contracts price averages (US\$ per MT) and percent changes from the previous average are: anhydrous milk fat, \$3,774 +2.3%; butter, \$3,026 -6.6%; buttermilk powder, \$2,208 +2.1%; cheddar cheese, \$2,888 +2.7%; lactose, \$572, n.a., rennet casein, \$6,949 -0.6%; skim milk powder, \$2,253 -7.8%; sweet whey powder, n.a.; and whole milk powder, \$2,446 -4.3%.

BUTTER: Oceania butter prices moved lower at the bottom of the price range. Contract pricing helped to maintain prices at the top of the range although there was less top strength than two weeks ago. New Zealand butter prices are weaker than in Australia. At the April 15 GDT event #138, butter averaged \$3,026/MT for all contracts, -6.6% from the prior event. AMF prices averaged \$3,748/MT for June contracts, +2.2% from the prior event. For all contracting periods, the AMF price average was \$3,744/MT, +2.3%.

82% BUTTERFAT: 2,950 - 3,750

SKIM MILK POWDER (SMP): Prices for SMP declined at each end of the price range. Contract pricing was weaker. Some manufacturers have more offerings than comfortably stocked customers seem interested in. At the April 15 GDT event 138, SMP for all regions and contracting periods averaged \$2,253 per MT, -7.8%. For trading in contract period 2, June, prices averaged \$2,315 for NZ sourced medium heat product, down \$390 from the prior event.

1.25% BUTTERFAT: 2,250 - 2,600

CHEDDAR CHEESE: Prices moved slightly lower at the top on a very quiet market. With the end of the production season near, most stocks are committed and moving to customers. Available milk is tending to flow into other products.

39% MAXIMUM MOISTURE: 3,300 - 3,700

WHOLE MILK POWDER (WMP): WMP prices are weaker, moving down at both ends of the price range. Competitive pricing from the EU continues to be a factor. Not many buyers are looking to cover needs. At the April 15 GDT event 138, the WMP pricing index, across all contracting periods, averaged \$2,446 per MT, down 4.3% compared to the prior event. For contract periods 2 and 3, June and July, NZ regular WMP averaged \$2,380 and \$2,400 per MT.

26% BUTTERFAT: 2,375 - 3,000

INTERNATIONAL DAIRY MARKET NEWS

US\$/MT	Global/Dairy Trading (gDT) Event 138 Recap - April 15, 2015													
	Contract 1 May-15		Contract 2 Jun-15		Contract 3 Jul-15		Contract 4 Aug-15		Contract 5 Sep-15		Contract 6 Oct-15		All Contracts	
Anhydrous Milk Fat	n.a.	\$3,748	2.2%	\$3,744	2.6%	\$3,781	2.9%	\$3,706	1.2%	\$3,703	2.7%	\$3,744	2.3%	
Butter	n.a.	\$2,965	-16.6%	\$3,040	-5.1%	\$3,057	-9.5%	\$3,175	-13.0%	\$3,184	-14.9%	\$3,026	-6.6%	
Buttermilk Powder	n.a.	\$2,175	2.1%	\$2,290	-13.1%	n.a.		n.a.		n.a.		\$2,208	2.1%	
Cheddar	n.a.	\$2,774	-1.5%	\$3,016	7.2%	n.a.		n.a.		n.a.		\$2,888	2.7%	
Lactose	n.a.	\$572	n.a.	n.a.		n.a.		n.a.		n.a.		\$572	n.a.	
Rennet Casein	n.a.	\$6,873	0.3%	\$6,873	-1.8%	\$7,190	0.0%	n.a.		n.a.		\$6,949	-0.6%	
Skim Milk Powder	\$1,975	n.a.	\$2,186	-10.2%	\$2,297	-11.1%	\$2,274	-10.6%	\$2,522	5.2%	\$2,500	5.6%	\$2,253	-7.8%
Sweet Whey Powder	n.a.	n.a.		n.a.		n.a.		n.a.		n.a.		n.a.		
Whole Milk Powder	n.a.	\$2,415	-3.0%	\$2,434	-6.0%	\$2,469	-5.1%	\$2,478	-4.6%	\$2,538	-3.4%	\$2,446	-4.3%	

Average price US\$/MT and % change in indices from previous event.

US\$/Pound	Global/Dairy Trading (gDT) Event 138 Recap - April 15, 2015													
	Contract 1 May-15		Contract 2 Jun-15		Contract 3 Jul-15		Contract 4 Aug-15		Contract 5 Sep-15		Contract 6 Oct-15		All Contracts	
Anhydrous Milk Fat		n.a.	\$1.7001	2.2%	\$1.6983	2.6%	\$1.7151	2.9%	\$1.6810	1.2%	\$1.6797	2.7%	\$1.6983	2.3%
Butter		n.a.	\$1.3449	-16.6%	\$1.3789	-5.1%	\$1.3866	-9.5%	\$1.4402	-13.0%	\$1.4443	-14.9%	\$1.3726	-6.6%
Buttermilk Powder		n.a.	\$0.9866	2.1%	\$1.0387	-13.1%		n.a.		n.a.		n.a.	\$1.0015	2.1%
Cheddar		n.a.	\$1.2583	-1.5%	\$1.3680	7.2%		n.a.		n.a.		n.a.	\$1.3100	2.7%
Lactose		n.a.	\$0.2595	n.a.		n.a		n.a.		n.a.		n.a.	\$0.2595	n.a.
Rennet Casein		n.a.	\$3.1176	0.3%	\$3.1176	-1.8%	\$3.2614	0.0%		n.a.		n.a.	\$3.1520	-0.6%
Skim Milk Powder	\$0.8959	n.a.	\$0.9916	-10.2%	\$1.0419	-11.1%	\$1.0315	-10.6%	\$1.1440	5.2%	\$1.1340	5.6%	\$1.0220	-7.8%
Sweet Whey Powder		n.a.		n.a.		n.a		n.a.		n.a.		n.a.		n.a.
Whole Milk Powder		n.a.	\$1.0954	-3.0%	\$1.1041	-6.0%	\$1.1199	-5.1%	\$1.1240	-4.6%	\$1.1512	-3.4%	\$1.1095	-4.3%

Average price US\$/pound and % change from previous event.

CME GROUP, INC FUTURES
Selected settling prices, (open interest)

Month	04/02	04/03	04/06	04/07	04/08	04/09	04/10	04/13	04/14	04/15
CLASS III MILK FUTURES (Pit-Traded) (\$/cwt)										
APR 15	15.59 (5580)	15.59 (5580)	15.62 (5591)	15.64 (5613)	15.63 (5628)	15.67 (5614)	15.69 (5608)	15.66 (5579)	15.66 (5584)	15.67 (5623)
MAY 15	15.57 (6009)	15.57 (6009)	15.65 (6039)	15.89 (6086)	15.82 (6079)	15.97 (6071)	15.77 (6069)	15.60 (6088)	15.60 (6074)	15.62 (6021)
JUN 15	15.56 (5334)	15.56 (5334)	15.61 (5330)	15.85 (5314)	15.84 (5304)	15.95 (5304)	15.71 (5329)	15.47 (5360)	15.46 (5395)	15.45 (5465)
JUL 15	16.20 (3945)	16.20 (3945)	16.23 (3938)	16.36 (3931)	16.34 (3922)	16.44 (3922)	16.25 (3920)	16.02 (3910)	15.91 (3915)	15.95 (3927)
AUG 15	16.73 (3546)	16.73 (3546)	16.72 (3552)	16.89 (3561)	16.87 (3563)	16.95 (3559)	16.80 (3566)	16.61 (3557)	16.50 (3565)	16.47 (3569)
SEP 15	17.09 (3277)	17.09 (3277)	17.06 (3276)	17.20 (3277)	17.18 (3276)	17.22 (3278)	17.12 (3276)	16.97 (3265)	16.90 (3270)	16.83 (3310)
OCT 15	17.22 (2930)	17.22 (2930)	17.20 (2930)	17.25 (2920)	17.25 (2927)	17.33 (2928)	17.24 (2924)	17.09 (2923)	16.98 (2936)	16.92 (2940)
NOV 15	17.23 (2801)	17.23 (2801)	17.23 (2801)	17.27 (2801)	17.27 (2803)	17.29 (2804)	17.23 (2783)	17.13 (2807)	16.98 (2835)	16.97 (2836)
DEC 15	17.25 (2573)	17.25 (2573)	17.21 (2573)	17.24 (2575)	17.22 (2579)	17.22 (2580)	17.15 (2577)	17.03 (2577)	16.94 (2580)	16.92 (2581)
JAN 16	16.86 (486)	16.86 (486)	16.80 (493)	16.80 (494)	16.89 (491)	16.87 (490)	16.87 (495)	16.75 (511)	16.70 (518)	16.70 (521)
CLASS IV MILK FUTURES (Pit-Traded) (\$/cwt)										
APR 15	13.87 (391)	13.87 (391)	13.87 (391)	13.87 (391)	13.87 (391)	13.87 (391)	13.73 (391)	13.73 (391)	13.73 (391)	13.73 (391)
MAY 15	14.20 (471)	14.20 (471)	14.20 (471)	14.20 (471)	14.20 (467)	14.08 (467)	13.88 (473)	13.88 (473)	13.88 (473)	13.89 (476)
JUN 15	14.72 (407)	14.72 (407)	14.72 (407)	14.72 (407)	14.63 (407)	14.37 (406)	14.29 (406)	14.10 (406)	14.18 (407)	14.18 (407)
CASH SETTLED BUTTER FUTURES (Electronic-Traded) (¢/lb)										
APR 15	173.15 (880)	173.15 (880)	174.00 (887)	175.00 (887)	175.20 (884)	175.00 (884)	174.00 (884)	174.00 (884)	174.00 (884)	174.00 (884)
MAY 15	179.00 (980)	179.00 (980)	179.00 (980)	178.53 (979)	178.53 (979)	180.08 (979)	180.15 (977)	180.00 (972)	181.00 (982)	181.00 (985)
JUN 15	180.03 (838)	180.03 (838)	180.03 (838)	180.03 (838)	180.05 (838)	180.75 (838)	181.50 (845)	181.50 (845)	182.50 (846)	183.00 (847)
NONFAT DRY MILK FUTURES (Pit-Traded) (¢/lb)										
APR 15	100.60 (816)	100.60 (816)	100.60 (816)	100.80 (816)	100.50 (816)	99.90 (814)	99.25 (813)	99.25 (813)	99.00 (810)	99.00 (810)
MAY 15	101.83 (797)	101.83 (797)	102.00 (797)	101.98 (802)	102.00 (841)	99.05 (853)	97.53 (858)	97.75 (858)	98.13 (879)	97.75 (884)
JUN 15	105.75 (741)	105.75 (741)	105.75 (741)	105.75 (741)	104.80 (749)	101.50 (744)	100.00 (728)	100.00 (734)	100.38 (745)	100.23 (751)
WHEY (Electronic-Traded) (¢/lb)										
APR 15	46.10 (764)	46.10 (764)	45.90 (768)	45.85 (775)	45.70 (775)	45.70 (775)	45.70 (775)	45.50 (773)	45.50 (773)	45.53 (772)
MAY 15	44.00 (792)	44.00 (792)	44.00 (792)	44.00 (785)	44.00 (780)	44.00 (780)	43.83 (780)	44.00 (780)	44.00 (780)	44.00 (787)
JUN 15	42.00 (796)	42.00 (796)	42.00 (795)	41.75 (793)	41.75 (793)	41.75 (793)	41.75 (793)	42.25 (793)	41.75 (796)	41.80 (807)
CHEESE CSC (Electronic-Traded) (\$/lb)										
APR 15	1.59 (4672)	1.59 (4672)	1.60 (4676)	1.60 (4701)	1.60 (4728)	1.60 (4690)	1.60 (4695)	1.60 (4677)	1.60 (4668)	1.60 (4621)
MAY 15	1.60 (4374)	1.60 (4374)	1.60 (4378)	1.63 (4378)	1.63 (4371)	1.63 (4359)	1.62 (4382)	1.60 (4394)	1.60 (4421)	1.60 (4447)
JUN 15	1.61 (4149)	1.61 (4149)	1.61 (4147)	1.64 (4159)	1.64 (4161)	1.65 (4207)	1.62 (4217)	1.60 (4240)	1.60 (4286)	1.60 (4338)
JUL 15	1.68 (3181)	1.68 (3181)	1.68 (3179)	1.70 (3165)	1.70 (3167)	1.70 (3168)	1.69 (3171)	1.66 (3203)	1.65 (3239)	1.65 (3286)
AUG 15	1.74 (2918)	1.74 (2918)	1.75 (2923)	1.75 (2929)	1.75 (2933)	1.76 (2953)	1.75 (2975)	1.73 (3003)	1.71 (3046)	1.71 (3110)
SEP 15	1.79 (2943)	1.79 (2943)	1.78 (2943)	1.78 (2943)	1.79 (2945)	1.79 (2959)	1.78 (2978)	1.76 (3018)	1.76 (3051)	1.75 (3085)

Source: <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-data/daily-bulletin.html>

Mailbox Milk Prices for Selected Reporting Areas in Federal Milk Orders and California, January 2015, with Comparisons

In January 2015, mailbox milk prices for selected reporting areas in Federal milk orders averaged \$17.71 per cwt, down \$3.12 from the December 2014 average, and down \$5.76 per cwt from the January 2014 average. The component tests of producer milk in January 2015 were: butterfat, 3.85 percent; protein, 3.17 percent; and other solids, 5.74 percent. When compared to the previous month, the January Mailbox prices decreased in all Federal milk order reporting areas with a simple average decrease of \$3.41 per cwt. The Southeast States experienced the greatest decrease of \$4.67 per cwt. Mailbox prices in January 2015 ranged from \$21.33 in Florida to \$15.19 in New Mexico.

Reporting Area ¹	Mailbox Milk Price ²		
	Jan 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015
	<i>(dollars per hundredweight)</i>		
New England States ³	24.68	22.84	19.33
New York	23.64	21.53	18.01
Eastern Pennsylvania ⁴	23.75	21.60	17.85
Appalachian States ⁵	24.59	23.68	19.09
Southeast States ⁶	24.62	24.48	19.81
Southern Missouri ⁷	23.69	22.84	18.39
Florida	25.33	25.98	21.33
Western Pennsylvania ⁸	23.69	21.36	17.98
Ohio	23.68	21.36	18.19
Indiana	23.03	20.51	17.31
Michigan	22.94	19.98	16.89
Wisconsin	23.51	20.92	18.18
Minnesota	23.48	20.24	18.03
Iowa	23.84	21.20	17.58
Illinois	23.75	20.97	17.74
Corn Belt States ⁹	22.77	19.50	16.55
Western Texas ¹⁰	22.73	18.80	16.38
New Mexico	21.53	18.09	15.19
Northwest States ¹¹	23.73	19.53	16.79
All Federal Order Areas ¹²	23.47	20.83	17.71
California ¹³	22.04	17.64	15.11

¹ Areas for which prices are reported for at least 75% of the milk marketed under Federal milk orders. ² Net pay prices received by dairy farmers for milk. Prices reflect all payments received for milk sold and all costs associated with marketing the milk. Prices are weighted averages of the prices reported for all orders receiving milk from the reporting area and are reported at the average butterfat tests. Prices include, for the most part, the assessment under the Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) program. ³ Includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. ⁴ Includes all counties to the east of those listed in ⁸. ⁵ Includes Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. ⁶ Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi. ⁷ Includes the counties Vernon, Cedar, Polk, Dallas, Laclede, Texas, Dent, Crawford, Washington, St. Francois, and Perry, and all those to the south of these. ⁸ The counties of Warren, Elk, Clearfield, Indiana, Westmoreland, and Fayette, and all those counties to the west of these. ⁹ Includes Kansas, Nebraska, and the Missouri counties to the north of those listed in ⁷. ¹⁰ Includes all counties to the west of Fanin, Hunt, Van Zandt, Henderson, Houston, Cherokee, Nacogdoches, and Shelby. ¹¹ Includes Oregon and Washington. ¹² Weighted average of prices for all selected reporting areas. ¹³ Calculated by California Department of Food and Agriculture, and published at <http://cdfa.ca.gov/dairy/uploader/docs/MailBox%20Data%202014.pdf>
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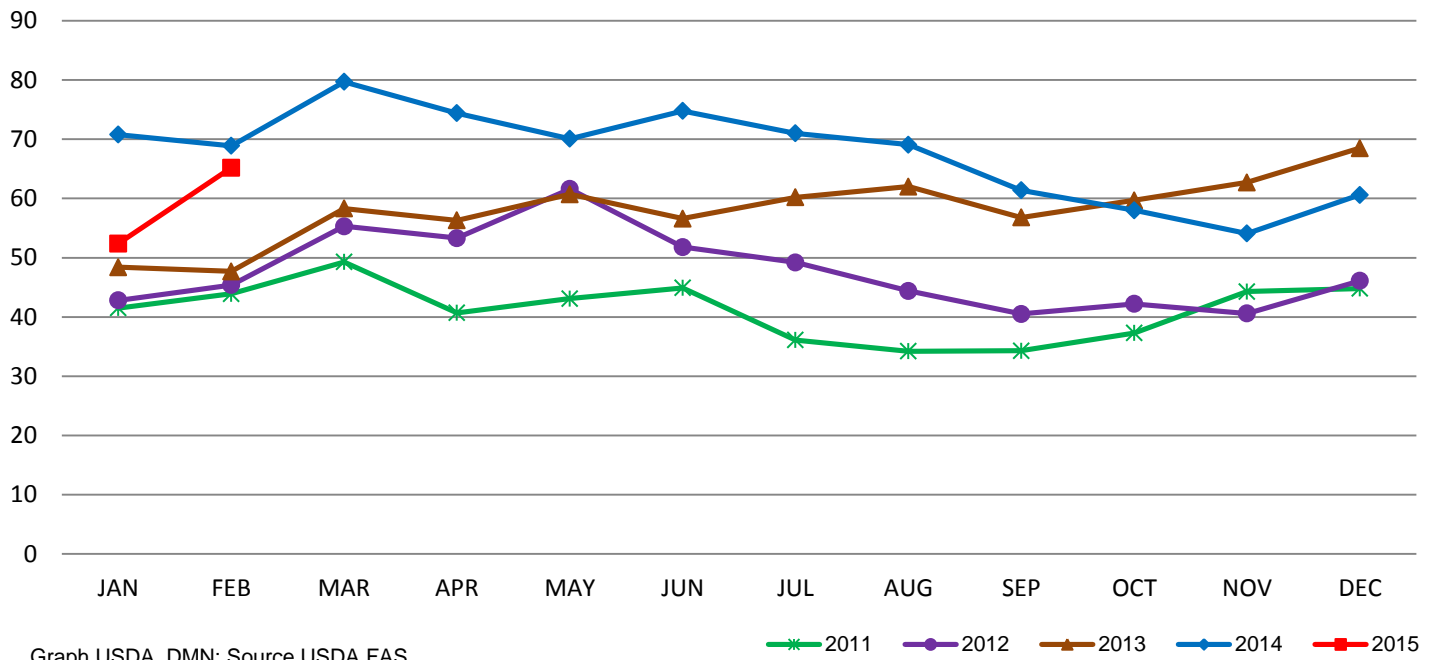
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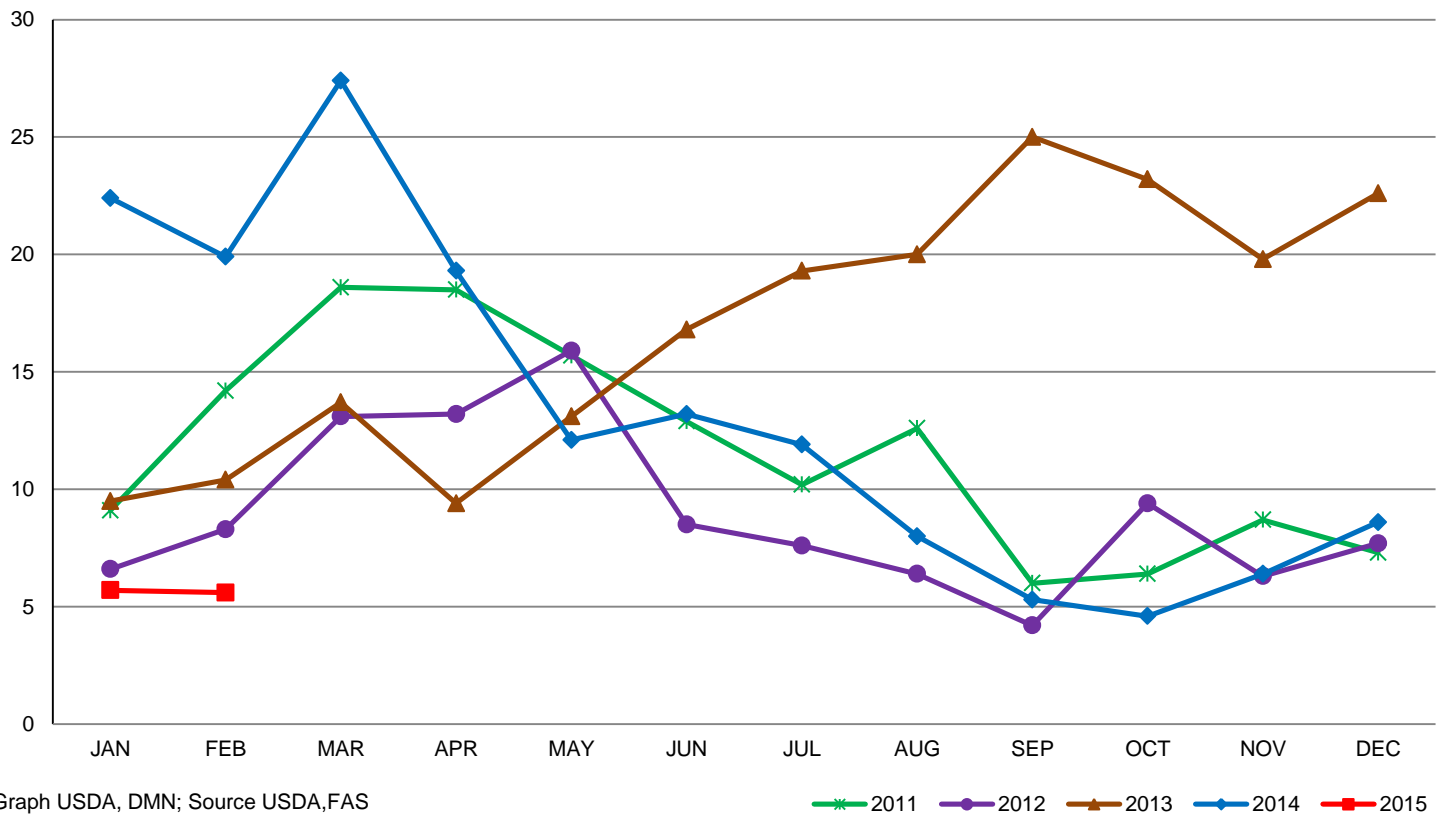
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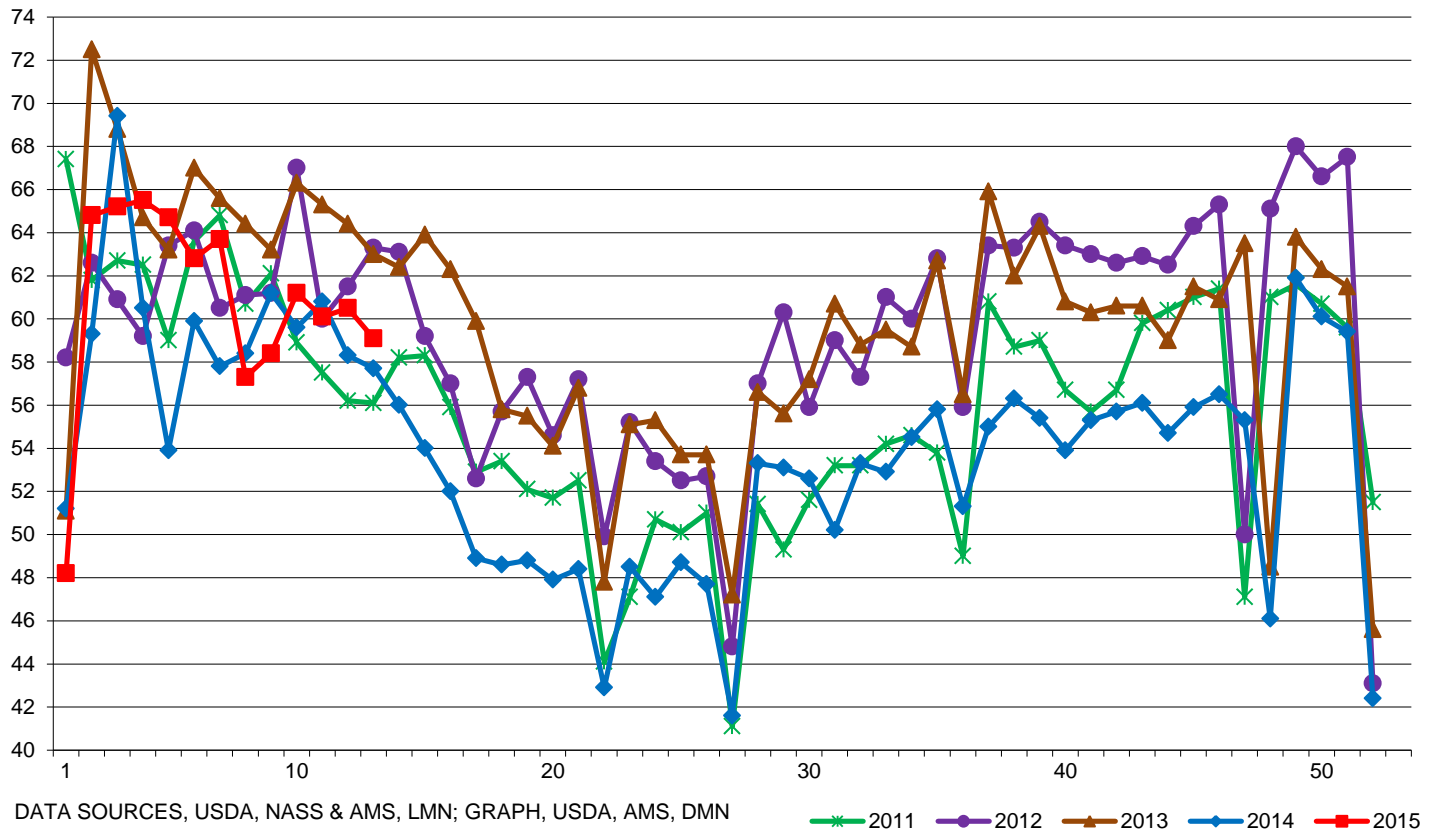


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