

NATIONAL DAIRY MARKET NEWS AT A GLANCE**CME GROUP CASH MARKETS (5/5)**

BUTTER: Grade AA closed at \$2.1075. The weekly average for Grade AA is \$2.1110 (+.0040).

CHEESE: Barrels closed at \$1.4500 and 40# blocks at \$1.6000. The weekly average for barrels is \$1.4205 (-.0020) and blocks, \$1.5060 (-.0240).

NONFAT DRY MILK: Grade A closed at \$0.8450. The weekly average for Grade A is \$0.8520 (-.0070).

BUTTER HIGHLIGHTS: Butter production is mixed in the United States. Some plants are churning butter every day, although, some butter makers have slowed production down. Cream continues to be of interest for Class II products. Butter inventories are adequate to seasonally building. In areas of the U.S, prices for bulk butter are 5 to 7 cents over the CME Group. However, in some parts of the country, market sales have flattened out. The demand is steady to fair, with some buyers not feeling the need to make additional purchases. The market tone is fair to unsettled. Friday's CME Group cash trading saw Grade AA butter closed at \$2.1075, up \$0.0025 from last Friday.

CHEESE HIGHLIGHTS: Cheese inventories were generally reported as long in most regions of the country this week. However, some Midwestern cheese producers report that ongoing orders are keeping their cheese stocks in balance. Cheese production, in all regions, remained active. Some Western cheese manufacturers are planning production around the ample milk intakes. Class III milk spot prices ranged from \$3.00 to \$6.00 under Class. Some cheese producers, who previously turned away spot milk, report taking on more milk recently, as the prices are advantageous for production needs. Cheese demand is mixed. Mozzarella demand in the Northeast is quiet, whereas orders are generally steady in the Midwest and West. Northeast contacts report global cheese price increases could open up export markets in the near term. The U.S. cheese market tone is uncertain. In CME Group trading Friday, barrels closed at \$1.4500, up \$0.0325 from last Friday. Blocks closed at \$1.6000, up \$0.1200 from last Friday.

FLUID MILK: Fluid milk production is mixed across the country this week. In the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, production continues at expected, seasonal levels. In the Central U.S., production is at flush levels. Steady milk production continues in California, but it is expected to decline with higher temperatures. Milk output increased in the Pacific Northwest. Arizona and New Mexico, however, are

seeing lower production levels. Bottling demand is mixed. Midwest, Pacific Northwest and California bottling sales were steady. In Florida, Class I demand has softened. Heavy snowfall in Kansas delayed some bottling intakes due to transportation issues and plant power outages. Class III milk prices ranged from \$3.00 to \$6.00 under Class. Some Midwestern cheese plants, previously unable to take on spot milk, have begun taking on extra spot milk. Cream supplies are generally available across the country. Western contacts reported an uptick in cream orders from ice cream and frozen yogurt makers. This week, Class II multiples ranged in the East, **1.05-1.25**; Midwest, **1.15-1.22**, and West, **1.08-1.18**.

DRY PRODUCTS: In all regions, low/medium heat nonfat dry milk (NDM) prices increased in the mostly price series. Industry contacts reported more spot market activity in NDM, which some suggest lead to increasing prices. Inventories of NDM are building, in line with available milk supplies. Dry buttermilk prices were steady across the country. Dry buttermilk demand reports vary, but are generally slow to fair. Dry buttermilk inventories are adequate for current contractual needs, and spot market activity was light. Dry whey prices were steady in the Northeast and West mostly price series. However, Midwest whey spot prices increased on the mostly price series. Dry whey spot market activity in the Central region was noticeably heavier than in previous weeks. Ice cream manufacturing has some contacts pointing to a rise in demand. Western whey contacts convey that export interests from Asia continue to be strong. WPC 34% prices tightened on the mostly price series. Certain specifications of WPC 34% are tight. Other types of WPC 34%, which are interchangeable with nonfat dry milk, are more difficult for manufacturers to move. Lactose prices remained steady this week. Lactose demand is strong. Inventory reports on lactose are tight to adequate. Rennet casein prices increased, while acid casein prices were steady.

ORGANIC DAIRY MARKET NEWS: The director of a western organic dairy producer organization estimates a 2017 U.S. organic milk surplus of 50 million gallons. Some of this milk is being sold into conventional milk markets. In the longer run, the current oversupply is generally expected to ease as new processing and sales outlets are developed. That is no immediate comfort to organic producers left without organic markets. For example, a large national

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CME GROUP CASH TRADING

COMMODITY	MONDAY MAY 01	TUESDAY MAY 02	WEDNESDAY MAY 03	THURSDAY MAY 04	FRIDAY MAY 05	:: WEEKLY CHANGE *	:: WEEKLY AVERAGE #
CHEESE BARRELS	\$1.4175 (N.C.)	\$1.4150 (-.0025)	\$1.4000 (-.0150)	\$1.4200 (+.0200)	\$1.4500 (+.0300)	:: (+.0325)	:: \$1.4205 (-.0020)
40# BLOCKS	\$1.4800 (N.C.)	\$1.4800 (N.C.)	\$1.4800 (N.C.)	\$1.4900 (+.0100)	\$1.6000 (+.1100)	:: (+.1200)	:: \$1.5060 (-.0240)
NONFAT DRY MILK GRADE A	\$.8600 (-.0075)	\$.8525 (-.0075)	\$.8525 (N.C.)	\$.8500 (-.0025)	\$.8450 (-.0050)	:: (-.0225)	:: \$.8520 (-.0070)
BUTTER GRADE AA	\$2.0925 (-.0125)	\$2.1150 (+.0225)	\$2.1200 (+.0050)	\$2.1200 (N.C.)	\$2.1075 (-.0125)	:: (+.0025)	:: \$2.1110 (+.0040)

CHEESE: carlot = 40,000 lbs., BUTTER: carlot = 40,000-43,000 lbs. *Sum of daily changes. # Weekly averages are simple averages of the daily closing prices for the calendar week.

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organic dairy coop expects 5% growth in milk receipts this year and next year. However, it has imposed a quota on members and stopped contracting with new members in March. This week, organic milk accounts for 67% of total organic dairy retail ad numbers by commodity, with the highest volume of ads reported for half gallon packaged organic milk. Regionally, the highest percentage change in organic milk ads were seen in the Southwest, up 124%. Ads in Alaska posted the steepest drop for retail stores surveyed, 66%.

NATIONAL RETAIL REPORT-DAIRY (DMN): This week, total conventional dairy advertisements increased 51%, but organic dairy ads decreased 21%. Conventional Greek yogurt in 4-6 ounce containers is the top advertised dairy item, followed by ice cream in 48-64 ounce containers and 8 ounce packs of shred cheese. The average advertised price for conventional 1 pound butter is \$2.85, down \$0.37 from last week. One pound organic butter at \$5.70, is up \$0.71, an organic price premium of \$2.85. Conventional ice cream in 48-64 oz. containers has an average price of \$2.95, up \$0.13 from last week. Conventional yogurt ads increased 13%, but organic yogurt ads decreased 59%. The average sale price for 4-6 ounce conventional Greek yogurt is \$0.98, while 4-6 ounce organic Greek yogurt is \$1.22, an organic price premium of \$0.24. The average sale price for 4-6 ounce conventional yogurt is \$0.61, while 4-6 ounce organic yogurt is \$1.00, an organic price premium of \$0.39. The U.S. advertised price for 8 ounce conventional cheese blocks average \$2.16, up \$0.15 from last week. There were no ads for organic 8 ounce cheese blocks. Ads for conventional 8 ounce shred cheese average \$2.22, up \$0.14 from last week. The U.S. advertised price for 8 ounce packages of organic shred cheese is \$4.49, a \$2.27 organic premium over conventional shred cheese. The number of conventional cheese ads increased 61%. This week, the difference between the weighted average price for organic half gallon milk, \$3.48, and the weighted average price for conventional half gallon milk, \$2.10, resulted in an organic price premium of \$1.38. Organic milk advertisements increased 1% and ads for conventional milk increased 105%. Advertisements for conventional gallons of flavored milk and [unflavored] milk increased by the greatest percentage of all dairy items, 347% and 275% respectively.

APRIL FEDERAL MILK ORDER CLASS AND COMPONENT PRICES (FMMO): Class Prices: The following are the April 2017 class prices under the Federal milk order pricing system and changes from the previous month: Class II: \$14.81 (-\$1.40), Class III: \$15.22 (-\$0.59), and Class IV: \$14.01 (-\$0.31). Component Price Information: Under the Federal milk order pricing system, the butterfat price for April 2017 is \$2.3548 per pound. Thus, the Class II butterfat price is \$2.3618 per pound. The protein and other solids prices for April 2017 are \$1.6955 and \$0.3350 per pound, respectively. These component prices set the Class III skim milk price at \$7.23 per cwt. The April 2017 Class IV skim milk price is \$5.98, which is derived from the nonfat solids price of \$0.6641 per pound. Product Price Averages: The product price averages for April 2017 are: butter: \$2.1160, nonfat dry milk: \$0.8386, cheese: \$1.4960, and dry whey: \$0.5243.

MARCH DAIRY PRODUCTS HIGHLIGHTS (NASS): Butter production was 176 million pounds, 0.3 percent above March 2016, and 9.0 percent above February 2017. American type cheese production totaled 416 million pounds, 3.5 percent above March 2016, and 11.2 percent above February 2017. Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 1.06 billion pounds, 3.3 percent above March 2016, and 12.7 percent above February 2017. Nonfat dry milk production, for human food, totaled 160 million pounds, 7.2 percent

below March 2016, but 13.0 percent above February 2017. Dry whey production, for human food, was 86.5 million pounds, 6.7 percent above March 2016, and 13.8 percent above February 2017. Ice cream, regular hard production totaled 74.7 million gallons, 2.6 percent above March 2016, and 26.7 percent above February 2017.

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017

CHEESE -- SALES: NONE; LAST BID UNFILLED: NONE; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 1 CAR BARRELS @ \$1.4175
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: NONE; LAST BID UNFILLED: 9 CARS GRADE A: 2 @ \$0.8500, 5 @ \$0.8200, 2 @ \$0.8500; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 7 CARS GRADE A: 3 @ \$0.8900, 1 @ \$0.8600, 1 @ \$0.8800, 1 @ \$0.8750, 1 @ \$0.8700
 BUTTER -- SALES: 22 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$2.0950, 6 @ \$2.0925, 1 @ \$2.0950, 5 @ \$2.0925, 1 @ \$2.0975, 7 @ \$2.0950, 1 @ \$2.0925; LAST BID UNFILLED: 5 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$2.0825, 1 @ \$2.0700, 1 @ \$2.0850, 1 @ \$2.0900, 1 @ \$2.0925; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 1 CAR GRADE AA @ \$2.1000

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

CHEESE -- SALES: 2 CARS BARRELS @ \$1.4150; LAST BID UNFILLED: NONE; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 1 CAR BARRELS @ \$1.4150; 1 CAR 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.4800
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: 3 CARS GRADE A: 2 @ \$0.8450, 1 @ \$0.8525; LAST BID UNFILLED: 1 CAR GRADE A @ \$0.8400; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 1 CAR GRADE A @ \$0.8600
 BUTTER -- SALES: 3 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$2.0925, 1 @ \$2.1000, 1 @ \$2.1150; LAST BID UNFILLED: 5 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$2.0800, 2 @ \$2.0825, 1 @ \$2.1100, 1 @ \$2.0850; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 4 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$2.1500, 1 @ \$2.1400, 1 @ \$2.1375, 1 @ \$2.1200

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017

CHEESE -- SALES: 24 CARS BARRELS: 7 @ \$1.4150, 4 @ \$1.4125, 3 @ \$1.4100, 3 @ \$1.4050, 7 @ \$1.4000; LAST BID UNFILLED: 10 CARS BARRELS @ \$1.4000; 1 CAR 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.4800; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: NONE
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: 3 CARS GRADE A: 2 @ \$0.8475, 1 @ \$0.8525; LAST BID UNFILLED: 3 CARS GRADE A: 1 @ \$0.8500, 1 @ \$0.8400, 1 @ \$0.8450; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: NONE
 BUTTER -- SALES: 4 CARS GRADE AA: 3 @ \$2.1150, 1 @ \$2.1200; LAST BID UNFILLED: 1 CAR GRADE AA @ \$2.1050; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 7 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$2.1300, 1 @ \$2.1200, 5 @ \$2.2000

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017

CHEESE -- SALES: 4 CARS BARRELS: 1 @ \$1.4000, 1 @ \$1.4100, 1 @ \$1.4150, 1 @ \$1.4200; LAST BID UNFILLED: 2 CARS BARRELS @ \$1.4000; 1 CAR 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.4900; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 3 CARS BARRELS @ \$1.4200
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: NONE; LAST BID UNFILLED: 3 CARS GRADE A: 1 @ \$0.8475, 1 @ \$0.8450, 1 @ \$0.8400; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 6 CARS GRADE A: 2 @ \$0.8900, 3 @ \$0.8700, 1 @ \$0.8500
 BUTTER -- SALES: NONE; LAST BID UNFILLED: 1 CAR GRADE AA @ \$2.1000; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 2 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$2.1250, 1 @ \$2.1500

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017

CHEESE -- SALES: 24 CARS BARRELS: 1 @ \$1.4200, 1 @ \$1.4250, 3 @ \$1.4300, 1 @ \$1.4350, 4 @ \$1.4400, 14 @ \$1.4500; 4 CARS 40# BLOCKS: 1 @ \$1.5500, 1 @ \$1.5600, 1 @ \$1.5900, 1 @ \$1.6000; LAST BID UNFILLED: 10 CARS BARRELS @ \$1.4400; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 2 CARS BARRELS @ \$1.4600
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: 7 CARS GRADE A: 3 @ \$0.8500, 2 @ \$0.8450, 1 @ \$0.8425, 1 @ \$0.8450; LAST BID UNFILLED: 1 CAR GRADE A @ \$0.8450; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 11 CARS GRADE A: 10 @ \$0.9000, 1 @ \$0.8700
 BUTTER -- SALES: 14 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$2.1200, 2 @ \$2.1300, 1 @ \$2.1200, 1 @ \$2.1175, 1 @ \$2.1150, 1 @ \$2.1125, 1 @ \$2.1100, 3 @ \$2.1050, 1 @ \$2.1075, 1 @ \$2.1050, 1 @ \$2.1075; LAST BID UNFILLED: 4 CARS GRADE AA @ \$2.1050; LAST OFFER UNCOVERED: 4 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$2.2000, 2 @ \$2.1200, 1 @ \$2.1100

BUTTER MARKETS

NORTHEAST

Northeastern butter makers continue to clear cream to churns. Some plants are producing butter every day, but others have slowed down a bit on production as cream volumes begin to clear to Class II. Market participants are producing butter for contract, with additional volumes for spot loads. Salted butter production is steady, with limited production of unsalted. Cream multiples have tightened in the East, but supplies are available. The demand for butter is fair to good. This week, market participants have reported active spot trading and contracts fulfilled on time. Bulk butter sales range 5 to 7 cents over the CME Group, based off time frames and averages used. Butter inventories are adequate in most plants. The market undertone is steady to unsettled. Tuesday, the CME Group cash trading saw Grade AA butter prices close at \$2.1150, down \$0.0225 from last Tuesday's closing price. The CME Group monthly average price for Grade AA butter during April 2017 was \$2.0992, compared to \$2.0563 a year ago. According to the DMN *National Retail Report-Dairy*, for April 28 - May 04, 2017, the Northeast weighted average retail price for 1-pound butter was \$3.33, 11 cents higher than the national average price and 14 cents higher than last week's Northeast average butter price. Retail markets in the region reported butter prices ranging \$2.99-\$3.99.

CENTRAL

Class II manufacturers' interests in cream have risen noticeably, yet cream remains available for butter makers in the Central region. Reported cream multiples into Class IV production range from 1.10

to 1.15. Butter production reports vary. Some producers have slowed production slightly. However, others are churning abundant cream and storing additional butter for the late summer and fall. Butter demand reports were generally steady. The market tone is fair. Butter inventories are building. DMN *National Retail Report-Dairy* for April 28-May 4 noted the national weighted average advertised price for a 1 pound package of butter is \$3.22, \$0.31 above one week ago and \$0.19 higher than one year ago. The weighted average regional prices in the Midwest and South Central were \$2.96 and \$2.99, respectively. Bulk butter prices remained 2 to 7 cents over the market, with various periods and averages used. The CME Group monthly average price for Grade AA butter during April was \$2.0992, down from March's \$2.1392, but up from \$2.0563 a year ago. Wednesday at the CME Group, Grade AA butter closed at \$2.1200, up \$0.0225 from last Wednesday.

WEST

Western butter contacts suggest market sales have flattened out since the spring holidays. Butter demand is steady, however buyers do not feel compelled to make additional purchases. Inventories are building seasonally and in some cases, are already heavy. There is plenty of cream available for churning. Some manufacturers would like to slow production to match current demand and to keep butter stock volumes in check. Processors continue to shift from print to bulk butter production. The DMN *National Retail Report-Dairy* for the week of April 28-May 4 found that the U.S. weighted average advertised price of 1 pound butter is \$3.22, up \$0.31 from last week.

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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 29, 2017	2,0892 3,616,989	1,5142 12,452,471	1,4646 13,869,969	.5259 5,606,092	.8468 25,845,958

Further data and revisions may be found on the internet at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/mmr/dmr>

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The U.S. weighted average price was \$3.03 one year ago. In the Southwest, the weighted average advertised price of 1 pound butter is \$3.24 with a price range of \$2.99-\$3.50. There were no reported prices for 1 pound butter in the Northwest. The CME Group April 2017 monthly average price for AA butter, \$2.0992, is down from the March monthly average of \$2.1392. One year ago the CME Group monthly average was \$2.0563. The Grade AA butter price at the CME Group on Wednesday closed at \$2.1200, up \$.0225 from a week ago.

CHEESE MARKETS

NORTHEAST

East region cheese makers report that milk receipts are steady which corresponds to mostly unchanged production schedules. Slower cheese demand has some buyers mindful of making large purchases. An impending matter is who wants to add cheese stocks at current prices. Movement is primarily steady, with adequate to ample cheese available for the slow to mostly fair buying interest. As such, process sales are more moderate. Mozzarella demand is soft and supplies are building. Food service orders are picking up as restaurants prepare for anticipated Mother's Day needs. With reports of the recent rise in global pricing, the likelihood for stronger U.S. cheese exports could possibly develop. This week, a cooperative export assistance program accepted requests for export assistance to sell 496,836 pounds (224 metric tons) of cheese. At the CME Group, the weekly average prices moved higher for barrel and block cheeses in an unsettled market. As a result, this week the wholesale selling price for block and Muenster added 4 cents, while process 5# sliced cheese increased a penny. The Grade A Swiss cuts 10-14# price is unchanged. Tuesday's CME Group daily cash prices saw barrels close at \$1.4150, down \$0.0125 from a week ago; blocks closed at \$1.4800, down \$0.0725 from a week ago. The DMN *National Retail Report-Dairy*, for April 28-May 4, 2017, noted the Northeast weighted average advertised price for 8 oz. cheese blocks was \$2.16, 15 cents above the national average, with prices ranging \$1.77-\$3.00. The Southeast 8 oz. block average price was \$1.91, down 41 cents from the previous week, with prices ranging \$1.67-\$2.19 in the region. The Northeast average advertised price for 8 oz. cheese shreds was \$2.15, 7 cents above the national average price, with prices ranging \$1.77-\$3.00. In the Southeast, the average price for 8 oz. shreds was \$2.05, 7 cents below the previous week, with prices ranging \$1.67-\$2.49 in the region. The DMN Northeast April 2017 monthly average price for cheddar blocks is \$2.0844, compared to \$1.9887 one year ago. Processed 5# sliced average price is \$1.8038, compared to \$1.8754 one year ago. The CME Group April 2017 monthly average price for barrels was \$1.4307, compared to \$1.4231 a year ago; blocks' average price was \$1.4976, up from \$1.4194 a year ago.

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

Cheddar 40# Block	:	1.9900-2.2750
Process 5# Sliced	:	1.5600-2.0400
Muenster	:	1.9750-2.3250
Grade A Swiss Cuts 10 - 14#	:	3.3100-3.6325

MIDWEST

Milk is readily available for cheese producers in the Midwest. Spot milk prices for cheesemakers range from \$3.00 to \$6.00 under Class. Cheese producers are taking advantage of the milk spot market, whereas up until recent weeks, producers were unable or unwilling to take on spot milk. Cheese production is in line with milk availability. With the exception of plant maintenance, a number of Midwestern cheese producers report seven day workweeks. Cheese inventories are generally reported as long. However, some cheese manufacturers in the Midwest report that steady and ongoing orders have kept inventory levels in balance. Retail and food service demand is generally steady. The cheese market tone is uncertain. The DMN *National Retail Report-Dairy* shows that April 28-May 4 Midwest ads for 8 ounce shred cheese have a weighted average advertised price of \$2.07, 1 cent below the national average. Midwest prices range from

\$1.88-\$3.00. One year ago, the national price was \$2.44. For 8 ounce blocks, the Midwest average price is \$2.07, 6 cents above the national average price. Midwest ads are priced from \$1.57-\$2.99. Last year, the national price was \$2.32. The CME Group April 2017 monthly average price for barrels, \$1.4307, is up from the March average of \$1.4072 and up from the monthly average of a year ago, \$1.4231. Blocks' April average price, \$1.4976, is up from the \$1.4342 March monthly average and up from \$1.4194 one year ago. This week, a cooperative export assistance program accepted requests for 493,836 pounds (224 metric tons) of cheese. So far this year, the program has assisted member cooperatives who have contracts to sell 29.658 million pounds of cheese in export markets. In CME Group trading Wednesday, barrels closed at \$1.4000, down \$.0200 from last Wednesday and blocks closed at \$1.4800, down \$.0625 from last Wednesday. Midwestern wholesale prices are unchanged for Swiss cuts, up \$.0100 for process and up \$.0400 for all other types.

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

Process American 5# Loaf	:	1.5175-1.8775
Brick And/Or Muenster 5#	:	1.8950-2.3200
Cheddar 40# Block	:	1.6225-2.0175
Monterey Jack 10#	:	1.8700-2.0750
Blue 5#	:	2.1625-3.1500
Mozzarella 5 - 6# (Low Moisture, Part Skim)	:	1.6950-2.6350
Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	:	2.8275-2.9450

WEST

Although processors expect and prepare for the spring flush, the ample supplies of milk are placing pressures on some cheese manufacturers. Western cheese production is active and cheese makers are trying to figure out how best to balance cheese making with available milk intakes. Inventories are heavy, especially for cheese barrels. Cheese demand is satisfactory. Buyers are taking contracted shipments, but not looking to take any additional loads. In some cases, heavily discounted loads are available, and cheese buyers are willing to take extra shipments if the price is right. The DMN *National Retail Report-Dairy* for the week of April 28-May 4 shows the U.S. weighted average advertised retail price for an 8 ounce pack of natural shredded cheese is \$2.08, down \$.11 from last week. Packs average \$2.19 in the Southwest and \$1.88 in the Northwest. One year ago, the national price was \$2.44. For 8 ounce blocks, the U.S. price is \$2.01, down \$.18 from last week. Blocks average \$1.97 in the Southwest and \$1.88 in the Northwest. One year ago, the national price was \$2.32. In the West, wholesale prices are up \$.0100 for process, and up \$.0400 for cheddar block, cuts, and Monterey Jack. Swiss cut wholesale prices are unchanged. This week, a cooperative export assistance program accepted requests for export assistance on contracts to sell 493,836 pounds (224 metric tons) of cheese. So far this year, the program has assisted member cooperatives who have contracts to sell 29.7 million pounds of cheese in export markets. The CME Group April 2017 monthly average price for barrels, \$1.4307, is up from the March 2017 monthly average of \$1.4072, and up from the monthly average of a year ago, \$1.4231. Blocks' April average price, \$1.4976, is up from the \$1.4342 March monthly average, and up from \$1.4194 one year ago. In CME Group trading Wednesday, barrels closed at \$1.4000, down \$.0200 from a week ago and blocks closed at \$1.4800, down \$.0625.

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CHEESE MARKETS

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

Process 5# Loaf	:	1.5050-1.7625
Cheddar 40# Block	:	1.6550-2.1000
Cheddar 10# Cuts	:	1.8350-2.0550
Monterey Jack 10#	:	1.8450-2.0050
Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	:	2.8875-3.3175

FOREIGN TYPE CHEESE

Following the spring holiday, demand for European Union (EU) cheese is still increasing in the domestic and export markets. Exports of cheese to the member states of the EU and Southern Europe are higher. The current lower inventories of cheese, coupled with higher demand contributed to increased prices. Cheese remains unavailable for additional inquiries with short-term delivery dates. In the U.S., wholesale blue, gorgonzola, parmesan Italy, and Romano prices are up \$0.0400. All other varieties are unchanged.

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

VARIETY	NEW YORK	
	IMPORTED	DOMESTIC
Blue	: 2.6400-5.2300	: 2.0400-3.5275*
Gorgonzola	: 3.6900-5.7400	: 2.5475-3.2650*
Parmesan (Italy)	: -0-	: 3.4300-5.5200*
Romano (Cows Milk)	: -0-	: 3.2300-5.3800*
Sardo Romano (Argentine)	: 2.8500-4.7800	: -0-
Reggianito (Argentine)	: 3.2900-4.7800	: -0-
Jarlsberg-(Brand)	: 2.9500-6.4500	: -0-
Swiss Cuts Switzerland	: -0-	: 3.3475-3.6700
Swiss Cuts Finnish	: 2.6700-2.9300	: -0-

* = Price change.

COLD STORAGE

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

	BUTTER : CHEESE	
	:	
05/01/17	29,492	: 100,143
05/01/17	29,492	: 100,143
CHANGE	0	: 0
% CHANGE	0	: 0

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	165	0	175	0	180
SOUTHEAST STATES	0	0	0	0	0	0

Northeast and Mid-Atlantic milk production continues to advance along seasonal lines. Fluid milk into manufacturing continues to support activity at/near plant capacity. Some balancing plants' milk volumes appear better balanced than in previous weeks. Milk is being disposed of in some channels. FMMO #1 allows pooled milk in the Northeast to be dumped through May 31, 2017. Milk production in the Southeast part of the country is following trends of the past few weeks as handlers suggest production patterns are edging lower than peak. Precipitation was above normal across some areas, with notable rainfall across the Mississippi Valley. Protein and fat tests are declining seasonally. In Florida, production retreated but a steady decline is not expected. Sales are weak as many bottlers cut orders, with school breaks looming in the next 4 to 5 weeks. Export milk shipments totaled 165 spot loads this week, 10 less truckloads than the previous week. Beneficial rain fell across southern parts of the state. However, Florida's peninsula, with mostly dry weather, resulted in further drought escalation. **Cream** supplies are heavy again after supplies tightened for a day or two last week. Hence, **cream multiples** dipped lower this week, **1.05-1.25**, based on time and day of purchases. Interest is moderate for both Class II ice cream needs and Class IV butter production. The DMN April average for Northeast Class II cream was \$2.4007, compared to \$2.5233 a year ago. The **condensed skim** market remains weak. Spot prices are unchanged. Demand is seldom better than slow. Handlers are desperately trying to clear surplus loads, with limited trucks available for distribution. Suppliers desperate to clear volumes note a downside as freight cost absorbs a large amount of the sale price with transitions outside the region. The DMN February monthly average for Northeast Class II condensed skim was \$0.5850, compared to \$0.4869 a year ago. Class III monthly average was \$0.6275, \$0.1768 above the previous year. According to the *DMN National Retail Report-Dairy*, for April 28-May 4, 2017, the U.S. weighted average advertised price for a half gallon of milk is \$1.83, down 20 cents compared to last week, but up 38 cents from a year ago. In the Northeast, the weighted average advertised price for a half gallon of milk is \$2.15, with a retail price range of \$2.00-\$2.99.

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-	2.2123-2.6338
F.O.B. producing plants: Upper Midwest-	2.4231-2.5705

PRICES OF CONDENSED SKIM, DOLLARS PER LB. SOLIDS,

F.O.B. PRODUCING PLANTS:

Northeast - Class II - includes monthly formula prices-	.20-0.93
Northeast - Class III - spot prices -	.25-1.00

MIDWEST

Precipitation continues to delay fieldwork in many areas of the Central United States. Areas in Southwestern Kansas received heavy snow over the weekend, causing yet unknown amounts of damage to the wheat crop. In Northern Wisconsin, farmers report wetness has caused a marked delay on planting. In areas of Texas and Oklahoma,

farmers say crop quality is on the decline due to water damage. Milk production, nevertheless, is strong. Central region contacts report spring flush milk yields are expected for the near term. Class I demand remained steady, although areas affected by heavy snow had some plant/transportation interruptions. Cheesemakers in the Midwest are showing increased interests in milk, as spot prices range from \$3.00 to \$6.00 under Class. Cream remains available to Central region buyers and end users. Class II **cream multiples** ranged from **1.15 to 1.22**, whereas Class IV multiples were reported from **1.10 to 1.15**. The *DMN National Retail Report-Dairy* for April 28-May 4 noted the national weighted average advertised price for one gallon of milk was \$2.36, down \$.08 from a week ago, but \$.24 higher than a year ago. The weighted average regional prices in the Midwest and South Central were \$2.23 and \$2.69, respectively. The DMN monthly average of the range price series for Upper Midwest Class II cream during April 2017 was \$2.4615, compared to \$2.4293 a year ago.

WEST

In California, farm milk production is currently steady. However, it is expected to drop in a few days, as the weather gets warmer. With temperatures reaching 100 degrees, the supplies of quality alfalfa hay are also dropping. Some industry contacts report that California reached the peak of its spring flush last week. Processors' intakes into Class 1 are steady. Class 3 intakes are increasing as many manufacturers are actively making ice cream and other frozen products in preparation for the upcoming summer. In Arizona, milk output is dropping slowly because of recent weather conditions. Milk pulls from schools are steady this week. However, it is expected to be lower in the next two weeks with public schools getting ready to end their classes for the summer break. Milk going into nonfat dry milk and skim milk powder is higher in some areas. Milk intakes into Classes III and II are increasing. In New Mexico, milk production is slightly down this week. Blizzard conditions in Kansas caused milk delivery delays in some New Mexican plants. In addition, power outages combined with snow in some states, resulted in less milk intakes for a number of New Mexican manufacturers. Less milk was available for a handful of Class I plants at the beginning of the week, but dairy activities are currently getting back to normal. Milk requests for ice cream and frozen yogurt manufacturing increased slightly in view of the approaching summer. Pacific Northwest milk production is steady to higher. Bottling demand is steady. Milk is plentiful for most processing needs. Manufacturers note facilities are running at or near full capacity to handle the available milk. Milk production in the mountain states of Idaho, Utah and Colorado is heavy. In some parts of the region, industry contacts suggest milk production may have reached the peak. In other parts of the region, the typical peak is normally sometime in June. Regardless, industry contacts say there are a lot of milk to process or move. Much of the milk is finding a home within the region, with only a few loads leaving or coming into the mountain states. The ample milk intakes, although expected, are placing pressure on manufacturers who are running facilities at or near capacity. Demand for **condensed skim** is higher in some parts of the West, especially in California. In Arizona, sales have been somewhat flat. In California, cream prices are on the rise and inventories are tight to comfortable. In the Western region, some processors are limiting their purchase of **cream** as they have sufficient stocks. Cream inventories remain plentiful throughout the region; however, new sales are harder to develop. Cream is moving well within contracts. Some industry contacts report selling a few loads in

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the spot market. A few retailers are able to move some cream from California to Idaho and Iowa. A number of processors have stopped butter churning last week, but are thinking about churning this week if cream volumes further increase. **Cream multiples** this week are **1.08-1.18**. According to the DMN *National Retail Report-Dairy* for the week of April 28-May 04, the national weighted average advertised price for one gallon of milk is \$2.36, down \$0.08 from last week, but \$0.24 higher from a year ago. The weighted average regional price in the Southwest is \$2.29, with no price range. The April 4a price (butter/powder) in California is \$13.73, down 0.23 cents from the previous month, but \$1.19 higher from a year ago. This compares to the Federal Order Class IV price of \$14.01 for April. The April 4b price (cheese) is \$14.30, up 54 cents from the previous month, but \$1.59 above a year ago. This compares to the Federal Order Class III price for April at \$15.22.

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: Central low/medium heat nonfat dry milk (NDM) prices remained steady on the range, but increased on the bottom and top of the mostly price series. Contacts report increasing prices could represent an uptick in spot market activity, which has been notable compared to recent weeks. However, some domestic buyers/end users report being content with current stocks and are waiting for more advantageous prices. Production and inventories of low/medium heat NDM remain in line with surplus milk supplies. The low/medium heat NDM market tone is uncertain. High heat NDM prices increased on the bottom of the range. Spot market trading was light. High heat NDM production reports are mixed, but some contacts suggest high heat NDM inventories are growing. The DMN monthly average of the mostly price series for Central and East low/medium heat NDM during April was \$0.8363, compared to \$0.7350 a year ago. The April monthly average of the range price series for Central and East high heat was \$0.9863 compared to \$0.9355 a year ago.

EAST: Prices for low/medium heat nonfat dry milk (NDM) in the East increased on both ends of the mostly price series this week. Low/medium NDM production is unchanged as milk supplies continue to be strong. Condensed skim is clearing into the dryers, which typically run close to capacity. Low/medium heat NDM inventories are building. The market undertone is unsettled. Interest appears to be picking up, with numerous buying opportunities. However, some buyers report having limited interest as they expect prices to drop. High heat NDM prices shifted upward on the lower end of the range this week. Spot sale trading is light. High heat production is irregular, but adequate to take on contractual needs. Wednesday's CME Group cash trading for Grade A nonfat dry milk closed at \$0.8525, no change in price from last Wednesday. The DMN monthly average of the range price series for Central and East low/medium heat NDM during April 2017 was \$0.8450, compared to \$0.7689 a year ago. The April 2017 monthly average price, at the CME Group, for NDM is \$0.8347, compared to \$0.7306 the previous year.

F.O.B. CENTRAL/EAST: Includes EXTRA GRADE and GRADE A
LOW/MEDIUM HEAT: .8000 - 0.9000 MOSTLY: .8500 - .8800
HIGH HEAT: .9450 - 1.0500

NONFAT DRY MILK - WEST

In the West region, f.o.b. spot prices for low/medium heat nonfat dry milk (NDM) are mixed on the range, but slightly higher on the mostly series. The spot sales activity has been more active, compared to a few weeks ago. Industry participants have different opinions about what is happening in the NDM market. According to some processors, NDM prices are firming due to a higher international demand, especially from Mexico. Meanwhile some buyers/end users think NDM producers are holding stocks ahead of higher future values. In this way, low/medium heat inventories appear to be less accessible in some areas of the West region. On the other hand, some traders remain puzzled about upward NDM pricing trends. According to them, there is no economic logic to explain the rise in NDM prices since the supply is broad and is above the current consumers' demand. Furthermore, a few processors are clearing 8-10 months old inventories at prices close to the bottom of the range. The domestic demand from bakers is steady, but active from cheese processors. Production of low/medium heat nonfat dry milk is ongoing, prompted by seasonally strong farm milk output. In general, inventories are steady to building in most processing plants. Prices for high heat nonfat dry milk are up, in line with low/medium heat NDM values. Sales activity outside contracts is light. Production is sporadic based on filling near-term contractual obligations between parties. Inventories are slightly tight in the f.o.b. spot market. The CME Group

monthly average price for Grade A NDM during April was \$0.8347, compared to \$0.7306 a year ago. The April 2017 Dairy Market News monthly average for the West low/medium heat nonfat dry milk mostly series is \$0.8325 compared to \$0.7357 a year ago. The average for Western high heat nonfat dry milk is \$0.9772 compared to \$0.9340 a year ago. At the GDT Event 187 on May 2, skim milk powder (SMP) prices across all contract periods averaged \$.8990 per pound, down 0.9% from the last event.

F.O.B. WEST: Includes EXTRA GRADE and GRADE A
LOW/MEDIUM HEAT: .7975 - 0.9000 MOSTLY: .8300 - .8800
HIGH HEAT: .9450 - 1.0525

CALIFORNIA MANUFACTURING PLANTS - NONFAT DRY MILK

WEEK ENDING	PRICE	TOTAL SALES
April 28	\$.8394	16,293,738
April 21	\$.8306	11,717,769

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. Compiled by Dairy Marketing Branch, California Department of Food and Agriculture.

DRY BUTTERMILK - CENTRAL AND EAST

CENTRAL: This week, dry buttermilk prices in the Central region remained steady. Dry buttermilk spot market reports were infrequent, while many buttermilk sales are reportedly through contractual agreements. Demand for dry buttermilk ranged from slow to steady. Industrial bakery orders have been expectedly light in recent weeks. Buttermilk drying is reportedly light, but production varies by plant. Dry buttermilk inventories remain adequate. The dry buttermilk market tone is unsteady. The DMN monthly average of the range price series for Central and East dry buttermilk during April was \$0.8713, compared to \$0.7594 a year ago.

EAST: The Eastern dry buttermilk price is unchanged this week. With heavy cream volumes clearing into churns, dry buttermilk production is steady to increasing. Inventories are adequate for customer needs. Buyers report limited trading activity. Currently, dry buttermilk interest is light, and the market tone is steady.

F.O.B. CENTRAL/EAST: .8000 - .9000

DRY BUTTERMILK - WEST

F.O.B. spot prices for western dry buttermilk are unchanged this week. The market is very stagnant according to several industry contacts. Trading activity in the spot market is light. Demand for condensed buttermilk from ice cream makers is improving. Thus, with less condensed buttermilk volumes, dry buttermilk production has been irregular in some processing plants. Dry buttermilk demands from the bakery and confectionary sectors are fair. Inventories are mostly in balance with contractual needs, but slightly tight in the spot market. The April 2017 Dairy Market News monthly average for the West dry buttermilk mostly series is \$0.8425 compared to \$0.7283 a year ago. At the GDT Event 187 on May 2, buttermilk powder prices across all contract periods averaged \$.8432 per pound, up 21.8% from the last event.

F.O.B. WEST: .7500 - .9000 MOSTLY: .8000 - .8500

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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.

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DRY WHOLE MILK - NATIONAL

F.O.B. spot prices for national dry whole milk shifted lower as several spot sales pushed down both the bottom and top of the pricing range. At this point, international WMP values are above domestic dry whole milk pricing, which could represent an export opportunity for some U.S. processors and traders. Domestically, the spot trading activity for dry whole milk has been more active during the current week. Demand looks to be light to moderate throughout the country. Production is active as several processors are focusing on clearing large cream volumes. Inventories are in balance with contractual needs, but are readily available in the f.o.b. spot market. The April 2017 Dairy Market News monthly average for the National price series for dry whole milk is \$1.4338 compared to \$1.2648 a year ago. At the GDT Event 187 on May 2, whole milk powder (WMP) prices across all contract periods averaged \$1.4665 per pound, up 5.2% from the last event.

F.O.B. PRODUCING PLANT: 1.2800 - 1.4500

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

Central dry whey prices decreased on the top of the range, but increased on both the bottom and top of the mostly price series. The Central dry whey spot market saw an increase in activity from previous weeks. Dry whey production is in line with the surplus amounts of milk, which Class III producers are taking in. Domestic demand was steady, but export interests are reportedly picking up. Some domestic end users are contentedly stocked, and are only buying when they find favorable prices. The dry whey market tone is uncertain. Animal feed whey prices remain unchanged. Animal feed whey spot trades were infrequent. Animal feed whey inventory reports are adequate for current needs. The DMN monthly average of the mostly price series for Central dry whey during April was \$0.4900, compared to \$0.2371 a year ago. The monthly average of the range price series for Central animal feed whey during February was \$0.3900, compared to \$0.1752 a year ago.

F.O.B. CENTRAL: .3800 - .5950 MOSTLY: .4700 - .5300
F.O.B. CENTRAL: ANIMAL FEED MILK REPLACER: .3375 - .4400

DRY WHEY - NORTHEAST

Northeast dry whey prices are unchanged this week, as buying interest is mixed, and trading activity is light to moderate. Few spot loads are available for the spot market. Dryers are active, and inventories are substantial for contractual needs. As ice cream production builds, the market is seeing a rise in demand. With reports of a Northeastern plant soon to close, there is uncertainty of how much whey will be available in the near term. The market undertone is steady. The April 2017 Dairy Market News monthly average for Northeast dry whey was \$0.4966 compared to \$0.2505 one year ago.

F.O.B. NORTHEAST: EXTRA GRADE AND GRADE A: .4300 - .5625

DRY WHEY - WEST

The Western whey price range narrowed, while the mostly price series held steady. Market participants suggest there is weakness in the whey market and that it may be in a period of transition. Some buyers say whey prices are too high. They are choosing to hold off on purchases until they get clearer market signals. Demand from Southeast Asia and China is still good. And some contacts anticipate that Mexican buyers may soon come back into the market. Dry whey production is steady to higher as heavy milk volumes clear into cheese plants. A few contacts suggest there is a little more whey available in the market. Manufacturers say inventories are balanced to committed through the next few months. The DMN monthly average of the mostly price series for West dry whey during April was \$0.4925 compared to \$0.4935 one month ago and \$0.2411 a year ago.

NONHYGROSCOPIC: .4200 - .5400 MOSTLY: .4200 - .5300

WHEY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE - CENTRAL AND WEST

The whey protein concentrate 34% price range is unchanged, but the mostly price series narrowed. The WPC 34% market is mixed. For WPC 34% that meets specific buyer requirements, inventories remain tight and manufacturers are reluctant to sell at anything but premium prices. Buyers who are seeking this type WPC 34% are willing to make deals to assure coverage. On the other hand, WPC 34% supplies that are interchangeable with other protein sources are plentiful. Manufacturers who make this type of WPC 34% are finding it more difficult to move stocks due to price pressures from other protein sources, especially nonfat dry milk. Some buyers are willing to make purchases only if the price is right compared to other protein sources. The April 2017 Dairy Market News average of the mostly price series for Central and West whey protein concentrate 34% was \$0.9425 compared to \$0.9681 one month ago and \$0.6076 one year ago.

F.O.B. EXTRA GRADE 34% PROTEIN: .7700 - 1.2350 MOSTLY: .8500 - 1.0300

LACTOSE - CENTRAL AND WEST

Lactose prices are unchanged this week. A number of industry contacts suggest the market tone is steady or slightly firming. Demand is good. Some manufacturers say they have regular customers who are asking for extra loads of lactose and are willing to pay above current contracted prices. A few other industry contacts say they have heard offers being made below published lactose prices. Inventories remain tight to comfortable. Lactose production is steady, however some contacts say a few manufacturers are looking to reduce whey protein isolate production, which in turn could reduce available lactose. The April 2017 Dairy Market News average of the mostly price series for Central and West lactose was \$0.4038, compared to \$0.3826 one month ago and \$0.2408 one year ago. At the GDT Event 187 on May 2, lactose prices across all contract periods averaged \$0.4268 per pound, up 1.1%.

Including spot sales and up to 3 month contracts.
F.O.B. EDIBLE, NON PHARMACEUTICAL .3400 - .5700 MOSTLY: .3700 - .4500

CASEIN - NATIONAL

Rennet casein prices very slightly firmed. Acid casein prices are stable. Skim pricing is weighing on rennet casein, notwithstanding the significant increase in GDT Event 187 rennet casein pricing of 22.6% for the June contract. Some manufacturers note that the volumes involved with the last GDT event were relatively small, minor vis-à-vis the broader market, so not representative of overall market activity. Another factor in the GDT event, unlike the broader market, was strong participation by Asian buyers with motivation to buy this week. Acid casein markets continue to be significantly focused on contract fulfillment.

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: 2.8000 - 3.0500
ACID: 3.5000 - 3.6500

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

<u>WEEK ENDING</u>	<u>2017 WEEKLY DAIRY COWS</u>	<u>2017 CUMULATIVE DAIRY COWS</u>	<u>2016 WEEKLY DAIRY COWS</u>	<u>2016 CUMULATIVE DAIRY COWS</u>
04/15/2017	54.1	909.4	54.6	944.2

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
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
2015	16.18	15.46	15.56	15.81	16.19	16.72	16.33	16.27	15.82	15.46	15.30	14.44
2016	13.72	13.80	13.74	13.63	12.76	13.22	15.24	16.91	16.39	14.82	16.76	17.40

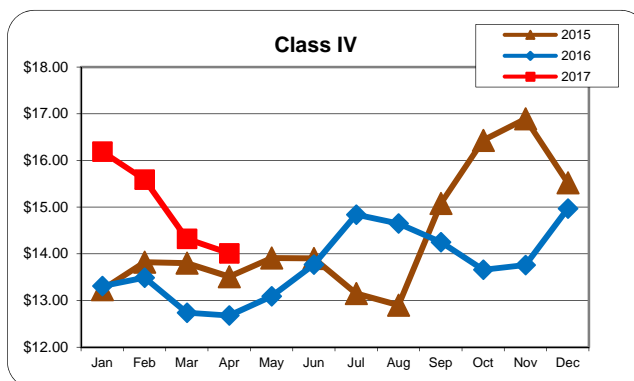
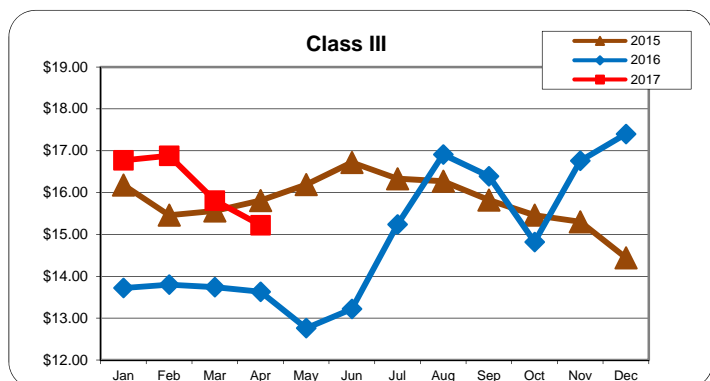
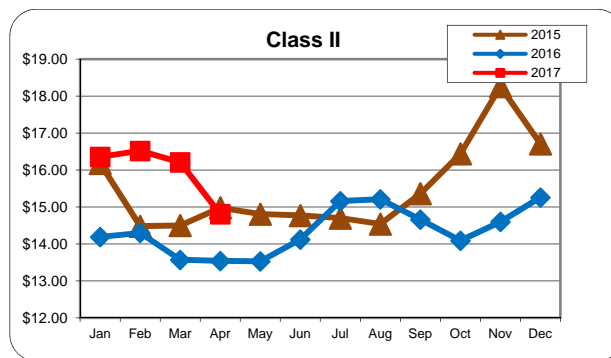
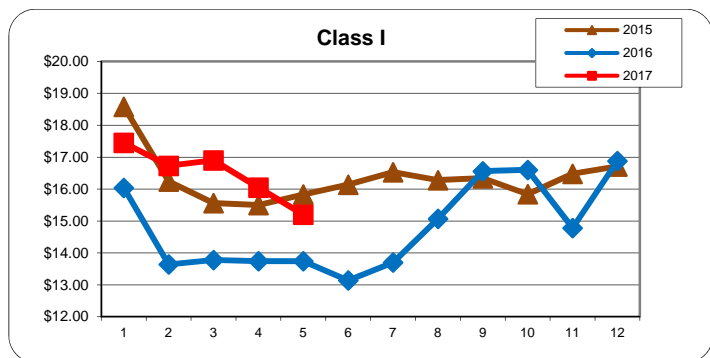
CLASS IV MILK PRICES (3.5%)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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
2015	13.23	13.82	13.80	13.51	13.91	13.90	13.15	12.90	15.08	16.43	16.89	15.52
2016	13.31	13.49	12.74	12.68	13.09	13.77	14.84	14.65	14.25	13.66	13.76	14.97

FEDERAL MILK ORDER CLASS PRICES FOR 2017 (3.5%)

CLASS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
I 1/	17.45	16.73	16.90	16.05	15.20							
II	16.36	16.52	16.21	14.81								
III	16.77	16.88	15.81	15.22								
IV	16.19	15.59	14.32	14.01								

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.”



ORGANIC DAIRY MARKET NEWS

Information gathered April 24 - May 5, 2017

ORGANIC DAIRY FLUID OVERVIEW

Organic Milk Situation. Organic dairy producers, producer organizations and trade groups have been actively discussing the current state and future of the organic dairy industry this week, following reporting by a national newspaper about some organic grazing practices. Organic blogs have been very active. Behind this activity remains serious concern among many organic producers about current organic milk pay prices and in some cases, finding organic markets for organic milk.

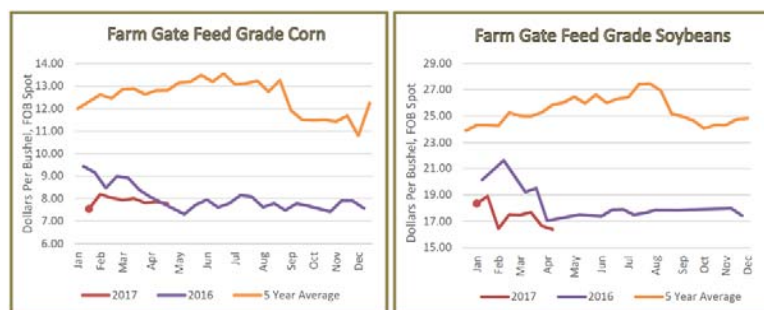
The director of a western organic dairy producer organization estimates a 2017 U.S. organic milk surplus of 50 million gallons. Some of this milk is being sold into conventional milk markets.

In the longer run, the current oversupply is generally expected to ease as new processing and sales outlets are developed. That is no immediate comfort to organic producers left without organic markets. For example, a large national organic dairy coop expects 5% growth in milk receipts this year and next year. However, it has imposed a quota on members and stopped contracting with new members in March.

Nevertheless a major agricultural lender recently reported expectations of continuing growth in numbers of organic dairy producers, cows, and sales. The lender believes consumers are comfortable with retail prices for organic milk and will keep buying more. This, according to the lender, will continue to attract more organic milk production capacity. The lender found that the April 2016 twelve month average national organic milk mailbox price was \$36.25 cwt. in contrast with a conventional milk price of \$14.89, resulting in a \$21.36 cwt organic price premium. This, according to the lender, will continue to attract new organic dairy producers in the longer run.

That in no way diminishes the challenges and disappointments that many organic dairy producers currently face. Many will be focused in months ahead with trying to ride out current challenges until marketing options improve.

ORGANIC GRAIN AND FEEDSTUFF MARKETS: Feed grade corn demand and activity is moderate, trading 9 cents lower f.o.b. with the bulk of market activity on forward contracts. Feed grade soybean demand and activity is moderate, trading 19 cents higher f.o.b. Trade activity on feed wheat too limited to trend due to lack of comparable trades. Soybean meal traded \$49.10 higher than prior period on light demand and activity. Soybean oil trade activity is too limited to trend. Forward contract activity on organic grains is good. Trades are inactive on all other organic commodities. Trade on organic hay is not available due to lack of comparable trades.

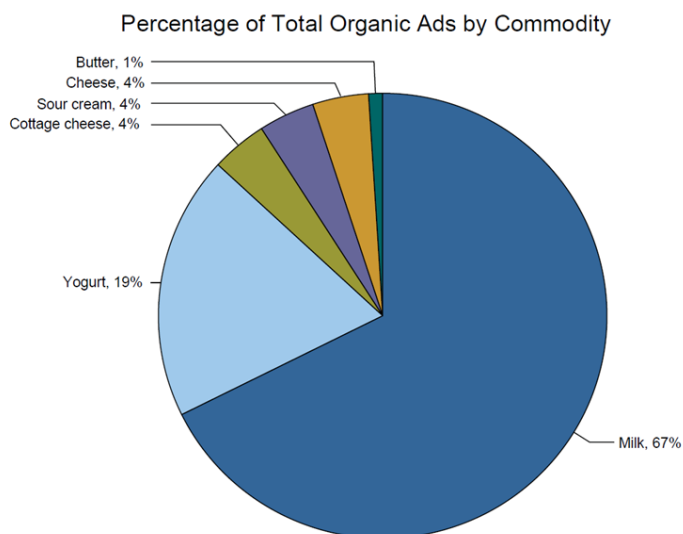


Additional livestock and grain market news information is available at:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lbnoof.pdf>

ORGANIC DAIRY RETAIL OVERVIEW

Organic Dairy Overview. This week, organic milk accounts for 67% of total organic dairy retail ad numbers by commodity, with the highest volume of ads reported for half gallon packaged organic milk. Regionally, the highest percentage changes in organic milk ads were seen in the Southwest, 124%. Ads in Alaska posted the lowest drop, 66%. The following pie chart displays ad percentages for each organic dairy commodity surveyed.



Data source/graph USDA Dairy Market News

Advertising information presented is compiled from nearly 23,000 surveyed newspaper supermarket ads. Prices are valid from May 5-11, 2017, identifying weekly specials and containing organic dairy content. Retail survey ads reflect "advertised specials" and not the range of non-advertised supermarket cooler prices.

Selected organic dairy product pricing information from the current weekly survey is presented in the following table:

NATIONAL RETAIL ORGANIC DAIRY (Wtd.Avg.Price)

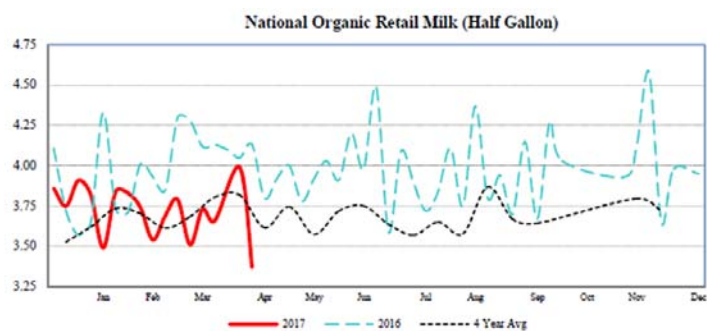
Commodity	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Butter	\$5.70	\$4.49	\$5.24
Milk			
Half Gal.	\$3.48	\$3.37	\$3.92
Gal.	\$5.82	\$4.99	\$6.99
8 oz.	\$1.00	\$1.00	...
Yogurt			
4-6 oz. Greek	\$1.22	\$1.06	\$1.25
32 oz. Greek	...	\$3.81	\$1.79
4-6 oz. Yogurt	\$1.00	\$0.97	\$1.01
32 oz. Yogurt	...	\$4.24	\$2.99

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ORGANIC DAIRY MARKET NEWS

Information gathered April 24 - May 5, 2017

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Data source/graph USDA/AMS/Dairy Market News

Complete results of the weekly organic dairy retail survey including regional delineation, can be accessed at: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/organic>

DAIRY MARKET NEWS DOMESTIC MONTHLY SUMMARY AND AVERAGES FOR APRIL 2017¹ - (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, PRICES ARE DOLLARS PER POUND, CL/TL)

COMMODITY	::REPORT NUMBER 14 ::	REPORT NUMBER 15 ::	REPORT NUMBER 16 ::	REPORT NUMBER 17 ::	2017	2016
	::-----::	-----::	-----::	-----::	Monthly	Monthly
	:: APR 3 - 7	APR 10 - 14	APR 17 - 21	APR 24 - 28	Average	Average
CHEESE						
WISCONSIN (WSP, Delivered, LTL)						
-- Process American 5# Loaf	:: 1.5000 - 1.8600	:: 1.5550 - 1.9150	:: 1.5225 - 1.8825	:: 1.5075 - 1.8675	:: 1.7013	: 1.7079
-- Brick And/Or Muenster 5#	:: 1.8375 - 2.2625	:: 1.8625 - 2.2875	:: 1.8325 - 2.2575	:: 1.8550 - 2.2800	:: 2.0594	: 2.0287
-- Cheddar 40# Block	:: 1.5650 - 1.9600	:: 1.5900 - 1.9850	:: 1.5600 - 1.9550	:: 1.5825 - 1.9775	:: 1.7719	: 1.7412
-- Monterey Jack 10#	:: 1.8125 - 2.0175	:: 1.8375 - 2.0425	:: 1.8075 - 2.0125	:: 1.8300 - 2.0350	:: 1.9244	: 1.8937
-- Blue 5#	:: 2.1050 - 3.0925	:: 2.1300 - 3.1175	:: 2.1000 - 3.0875	:: 2.1225 - 3.1100	:: 2.6081	: 2.5774
-- Mozzarella 5 - 6#	:: 1.6375 - 2.5775	:: 1.6625 - 2.6025	:: 1.6325 - 2.5725	:: 1.6550 - 2.5950	:: 2.1169	: 2.0862
-- Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	:: 2.8975 - 3.0150	:: 2.8275 - 2.9450	:: 2.8275 - 2.9450	:: 2.8275 - 2.9450	:: 2.9038	: 2.5551
NORTHEAST (WSP, Delivered, LTL)						
-- Cheddar 40# Block	:: 1.9325 - 2.2175	:: 1.9575 - 2.2425	:: 1.9275 - 2.2125	:: 1.9500 - 2.2350	:: 2.0844	: 1.9887
-- Process 5# Sliced	:: 1.5425 - 2.0225	:: 1.5975 - 2.0775	:: 1.5650 - 2.0450	:: 1.5500 - 2.0300	:: 1.8038	: 1.8754
-- Muenster	:: 1.9175 - 2.2675	:: 1.9425 - 2.2925	:: 1.9125 - 2.2625	:: 1.9350 - 2.2850	:: 2.1019	: 2.0412
-- Grade A Swiss Cuts 10 - 14#	:: 3.3800 - 3.7025	:: 3.3100 - 3.6325	:: 3.3100 - 3.6325	:: 3.3100 - 3.6325	:: 3.4888	: 3.1401
WEST COAST (WSP, Delivered, LTL)						
-- Process 5# Loaf	:: 1.4875 - 1.7450	:: 1.5425 - 1.8000	:: 1.5100 - 1.7675	:: 1.4950 - 1.7525	:: 1.6375	: 1.6716
-- Cheddar 40# Block	:: 1.5975 - 2.0425	:: 1.6225 - 2.0675	:: 1.5925 - 2.0375	:: 1.6150 - 2.0600	:: 1.8294	: 1.7712
-- Cheddar 10# Cuts	:: 1.7775 - 1.9975	:: 1.8025 - 2.0225	:: 1.7725 - 1.9925	:: 1.7950 - 2.0150	:: 1.8969	: 1.8387
-- Monterey Jack 10#	:: 1.7875 - 1.9475	:: 1.8125 - 1.9725	:: 1.7825 - 1.9425	:: 1.8050 - 1.9650	:: 1.8769	: 1.8187
-- Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	:: 2.9575 - 3.3875	:: 2.8875 - 3.3175	:: 2.8875 - 3.3175	:: 2.8875 - 3.3175	:: 3.1200	: 2.7713
FLUID PRODUCTS						
SPOT PRICES OF CLASS II CREAM (\$ per lb. butterfat)						
-- Northeast - f.o.b	:: 2.2066 - 2.5218	:: 2.2344 - 2.5110	:: 2.1489 - 2.5036	:: 2.4876 - 2.5913	:: 2.4007	: 2.2533
-- Upper Midwest - f.o.b	:: 2.3537 - 2.5218	:: 2.4259 - 2.5536	:: 2.3784 - 2.5244	:: 2.4047 - 2.5291	:: 2.4615	: 2.4293
PRICES OF CONDENSED SKIM - NORTHEAST (\$ per lb. wet solids) - f.o.b.						
-- Class II	:: 0.20 - 0.95	:: 0.25 - 0.95	:: 0.25 - 0.95	:: 0.20 - 0.93	:: 0.5850	: 0.4869
-- Class III	:: 0.20 - 0.97	:: 0.30 - 1.00	:: 0.30 - 1.00	:: 0.25 - 1.00	:: 0.6275	: 0.4507

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	:: APR 03 - 07 ::	APR 10 - 14 ::	APR 17 - 21 ::	APR 24 - 28 ::	Average	Average
DRY PRODUCTS						
NONFAT DRY MILK						
-- Central And East (f.o.b.)						
-- Low/Medium Heat	:: 0.7800 - 0.9500 ::	0.7700 - 0.8700 ::	0.8000 - 0.8900 ::	0.8000 - 0.9000 ::	:: 0.8450	: 0.7689
-- Mostly	:: 0.8000 - 0.8600 ::	0.8000 - 0.8500 ::	0.8300 - 0.8600 ::	0.8300 - 0.8600 ::	:: 0.8363	: 0.7530
-- High Heat	:: 0.8950 - 1.1000 ::	0.8950 - 1.0500 ::	0.9250 - 1.0500 ::	0.9250 - 1.0500 ::	:: 0.9863	: 0.9355
-- West (f.o.b.)						
-- Low/Medium Heat	:: 0.7450 - 0.8800 ::	0.7550 - 0.8700 ::	0.7900 - 0.8800 ::	0.7900 - 0.9000 ::	:: 0.8263	: 0.7260
-- Mostly	:: 0.8000 - 0.8550 ::	0.8000 - 0.8550 ::	0.8100 - 0.8600 ::	0.8200 - 0.8600 ::	:: 0.8325	: 0.7357
-- High Heat	:: 0.9250 - 1.1000 ::	0.8600 - 1.0225 ::	0.9150 - 1.0325 ::	0.9300 - 1.0325 ::	:: 0.9772	: 0.9340
WHEY POWDER (Nonhygroscopic)						
-- Central (f.o.b.)	:: 0.3800 - 0.6100 ::	0.3650 - 0.6100 ::	0.3650 - 0.6200 ::	0.3800 - 0.6200 ::	:: 0.4938	: 0.2327
-- Mostly	:: 0.4700 - 0.5200 ::	0.4700 - 0.5200 ::	0.4500 - 0.5200 ::	0.4500 - 0.5200 ::	:: 0.4900	: 0.2371
-- West (f.o.b.)	:: 0.4500 - 0.5900 ::	0.4500 - 0.5900 ::	0.4000 - 0.5900 ::	0.4000 - 0.5700 ::	:: 0.5050	: 0.2508
-- Mostly	:: 0.4600 - 0.5400 ::	0.4600 - 0.5400 ::	0.4500 - 0.5400 ::	0.4200 - 0.5300 ::	:: 0.4925	: 0.2411
-- Northeast (f.o.b.)	:: 0.4300 - 0.5625 ::	0.4300 - 0.5600 ::	0.4300 - 0.5675 ::	0.4300 - 0.5625 ::	:: 0.4966	: 0.2505
WHEY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE						
-- Central And West (f.o.b.)						
-- Extra Grade 34% Protein	:: 0.7300 - 1.2350 ::	0.7300 - 1.2350 ::	0.7500 - 1.2350 ::	0.7700 - 1.2350 ::	:: 0.9900	: 0.6390
-- Mostly	:: 0.8500 - 1.0550 ::	0.8500 - 1.0550 ::	0.8100 - 1.0550 ::	0.8100 - 1.0550 ::	:: 0.9425	: 0.6076
ANIMAL FEED - WHEY						
-- Central (f.o.b.)						
-- Milk Replacer	:: 0.3375 - 0.4500 ::	0.3375 - 0.4400 ::	0.3375 - 0.4400 ::	0.3375 - 0.4400 ::	:: 0.3900	: 0.1752
BUTTERMILK (Min. 30% protein)						
-- Central And East (f.o.b.)	:: 0.8000 - 1.0000 ::	0.8000 - 0.9500 ::	0.8000 - 0.9200 ::	0.8000 - 0.9000 ::	:: 0.8713	: 0.7594
-- West (f.o.b.)	:: 0.8000 - 0.9500 ::	0.8000 - 0.9500 ::	0.7500 - 0.9000 ::	0.7500 - 0.9000 ::	:: 0.8500	: 0.7402
-- Mostly	:: 0.8200 - 0.9000 ::	0.8200 - 0.9000 ::	0.8000 - 0.8500 ::	0.8000 - 0.8500 ::	:: 0.8425	: 0.7283
DRY WHOLE MILK						
-- National (f.o.b.)	:: 1.3800 - 1.4300 ::	1.3800 - 1.4200 ::	1.3800 - 1.5500 ::	1.3800 - 1.5500 ::	:: 1.4338	: 1.2648
LACTOSE						
-- Central And West (f.o.b.)	:: 0.2500 - 0.5700 ::	0.2500 - 0.5700 ::	0.2500 - 0.5700 ::	0.3400 - 0.5700 ::	:: 0.4213	: 0.2695
-- Mostly	:: 0.3700 - 0.4300 ::	0.3700 - 0.4300 ::	0.3700 - 0.4400 ::	0.3700 - 0.4500 ::	:: 0.4038	: 0.2408
CASEIN - Edible - National (f.o.b.)						
-- Nonrestricted - Rennet	:: 2.9000 - 3.2125 ::	2.9000 - 3.2125 ::	2.6700 - 2.9500 ::	2.7500 - 3.0000 ::	:: 2.9494	: 2.4910
-- Nonrestricted - Acid	:: 3.5000 - 3.7000 ::	3.5000 - 3.7000 ::	3.5000 - 3.6500 ::	3.5000 - 3.6500 ::	:: 3.5875	: 2.5955

1 Prices for all products are issued once a week and represent a value for the entire week. Monthly averages are based on weekly prices and are time-weighted according to the number of workdays in the month - Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays excluded. No monthly average is computed if one or more weekly prices are missing.

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	::-----::			-----::			Monthly	Monthly
	:: APR 3 - 14 ::			APR 17 - 28 ::			Average	Average

BUTTER (82% BUTTERFAT)								
-- OCEANIA	:: 4825	- 5350	:: 4900	- 5350	::	::	5106 :	2655
-- WESTERN EUROPE	:: 4700	- 4850	:: 4800	- 4925	::	::	4819 :	2613
BUTTEROIL (99% BUTTERFAT)								
-- WESTERN EUROPE	:: 5150	- 5525	:: 5375	- 5675	::	::	5431 :	3647
CHEDDAR CHEESE (39% MAXIMUM MOISTURE)								
-- OCEANIA	:: 3300	- 3500	:: 3450	- 3500	::	::	3438 :	2586
SKIM MILK POWDER (1.25% BUTTERFAT)								
-- OCEANIA	:: 1900	- 1925	:: 2000	- 2050	::	::	1969 :	1738
-- SOUTH AMERICA	:: 2450	- 2850	:: 3250	- 3600	::	::	3038 :	
-- WESTERN EUROPE	:: 1825	- 1900	:: 1850	- 1950	::	::	1881 :	1725
WHEY POWDER (NONHYGROSCOPIC)								
-- WESTERN EUROPE	:: 1000	- 1050	:: 1000	- 1150	::	::	1050 :	600
WHOLE MILK POWDER (26% BUTTERFAT)								
-- OCEANIA	:: 2900	- 3075	:: 3000	- 3150	::	::	3031 :	2039
-- SOUTH AMERICA	:: 3250	- 3600	:: 3275	- 3625	::	::	3438 :	
-- WESTERN EUROPE	:: 2800	- 2950	:: 2900	- 3050	::	::	2925 :	2040

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CME GROUP AVERAGES FOR APRIL 2017

COMMODITY	::REPORT NUMBER 14::		REPORT NUMBER 15::		REPORT NUMBER 16::		REPORT NUMBER 17::		:: 2017 * : 2016 *		
	::-----::		-----::		-----::		-----::		:: Monthly : Monthly		
	:: APR 3 - 7		:: APR 10 - 13		:: APR 17 - 21		:: APR 24 - 28		:: Average : Average		

BUTTER*											
-- GRADE AA											
--Monday	::	2.1275	::	2.0775	::	2.0750	::	2.0750	::	:	
--Tuesday	::	2.1500	::	2.0900	::	2.0625	::	2.1375	::	:	
--Wednesday	::	2.1450	::	2.0900	::	2.0700	::	2.0975	::	:	
--Thursday	::	2.1200	::	2.0875	::	2.0675	::	2.1200	::	:	
--Friday	::	2.0975	::	1	::	2.0900	::	2.1050	::	2.0992 : 2.0563	
--Weekly Average**	::	2.1280	::	2.0863	::	2.0730	::	2.1070	::	:	
CHEESE*											
-- BARRELS											
--Monday	::	1.4950	::	1.4275	::	1.4275	::	1.4275	::	:	
--Tuesday	::	1.4800	::	1.4275	::	1.4200	::	1.4275	::	:	
--Wednesday	::	1.4575	::	1.4275	::	1.4000	::	1.4200	::	:	
--Thursday	::	1.4350	::	1.4275	::	1.3825	::	1.4200	::	:	
--Friday	::	1.4350	::	1	::	1.4275	::	1.4175	::	1.4307 : 1.4231	
--Weekly Average**	::	1.4605	::	1.4275	::	1.4115	::	1.4225	::	:	
-- 40# BLOCKS											
--Monday	::	1.5300	::	1.4600	::	1.4750	::	1.5525	::	:	
--Tuesday	::	1.5200	::	1.4600	::	1.4750	::	1.5525	::	:	
--Wednesday	::	1.5000	::	1.4750	::	1.4750	::	1.5425	::	:	
--Thursday	::	1.4800	::	1.4750	::	1.4750	::	1.5225	::	:	
--Friday	::	1.4600	::	1	::	1.5450	::	1.4800	::	1.4976 : 1.4194	
--Weekly Average**	::	1.4980	::	1.4675	::	1.4890	::	1.5300	::	:	
NONFAT DRY MILK*											
-- GRADE A											
--Monday	::	0.8000	::	0.8100	::	0.8500	::	0.8450	::	:	
--Tuesday	::	0.8000	::	0.8250	::	0.8500	::	0.8525	::	:	
--Wednesday	::	0.8000	::	0.8250	::	0.8475	::	0.8525	::	:	
--Thursday	::	0.8000	::	0.8450	::	0.8475	::	0.8775	::	:	
--Friday	::	0.8100	::	1	::	0.8550	::	0.8675	::	0.8347 : 0.7306	
--Weekly Average**	::	0.8020	::	0.8263	::	0.8500	::	0.8590	::	:	

* Monthly averages are a simple average of all the closes during the month. Weekly and monthly averages are independent calculations.

** Weekly averages are simple averages of the closes during the calendar week and are for information purposes. Should the week be split between two months, the weekly average will appear in the monthly report in which the Friday close is reported.

1/ The CME was closed for a holiday.

Federal Milk Order Final Class and Component Prices, April 2017

Class Prices: The following are the April 2017 class prices under the Federal milk order pricing system and changes from the previous month: Class II: \$14.81 (-\$1.40), Class III: \$15.22 (-\$0.59), and Class IV: \$14.01 (-\$0.31).

Component Price Information: Under the Federal milk order pricing system, the butterfat price for April 2017 is \$2.3548 per pound. Thus, the Class II butterfat price is \$2.3618 per pound. The protein and other solids prices for April 2017 are \$1.6955 and \$0.3350 per pound, respectively. These component prices set the Class III skim milk price at \$7.23 per cwt. The April 2017 Class IV skim milk price is \$5.98, which is derived from the nonfat solids price of \$0.6641 per pound.

Product Price Averages: The product price averages for April 2017 are: butter: \$2.1160, nonfat dry milk: \$0.8386, cheese: \$1.4960, and dry whey: \$0.5243.

Federal Milk Order Minimum Class Prices for Milk of 3.5 Percent Butterfat ^{1, 2}						
Federal Milk Order Marketing Areas ³	Order Number	April 2017				May 2017
		Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class I
		<i>(dollars per 100 pounds)</i>				
Northeast (Boston) ⁴	001	19.30	14.81	15.22	14.01	18.45
Appalachian (Charlotte) ⁵	005	19.45	14.81	15.22	14.01	18.60
Florida (Tampa) ⁶	006	21.45	14.81	15.22	14.01	20.60
Southeast (Atlanta) ⁷	007	19.85	14.81	15.22	14.01	19.00
Upper Midwest (Chicago) ⁸	030	17.85	14.81	15.22	14.01	17.00
Central (Kansas City) ⁹	032	18.05	14.81	15.22	14.01	17.20
Mideast (Cleveland) ¹⁰	033	18.05	14.81	15.22	14.01	17.20
Pacific Northwest (Seattle) ¹¹	124	17.95	14.81	15.22	14.01	17.10
Southwest (Dallas) ¹²	126	19.05	14.81	15.22	14.01	18.20
Arizona (Phoenix)	131	18.40	14.81	15.22	14.01	17.55
All-Market Average	---	18.94	14.81	15.22	14.01	18.09

¹ To convert the Class I price per 100 pounds to the Class I price per gallon, divide by 11.63 - the approximate number of gallons in 100 pounds of milk.

² The mandatory \$0.20 per cwt. processor assessment under the Fluid Milk Promotion Order is not included in the Class I prices shown on this table.

³ Names in parentheses are the major city in the principal pricing point of the markets.

⁴ Class I prices at other cities are: New York City, minus \$0.10; Philadelphia, minus \$0.20; Baltimore, minus \$0.25, and Washington, DC, minus \$0.25.

⁵ Class I prices at other cities are: Knoxville, minus \$0.20 and Louisville, minus \$1.10.

⁶ Class I prices at other cities are: Orlando, same; Miami, plus \$0.60; and Jacksonville, minus \$0.40.

⁷ Class I prices at other cities are: New Orleans, same; Memphis, minus \$0.90; Nashville, minus \$0.90; and Springfield, MO, minus \$1.40.

⁸ Class I prices at other cities are: Milwaukee, minus \$0.05; and Minneapolis, minus \$0.10.

⁹ Class I prices at other cities are: Des Moines, minus \$0.20; Omaha, minus \$0.15; Oklahoma City, plus \$0.60; St. Louis, same; and Denver, plus \$0.55.

¹⁰ Class I prices at other cities are: Indianapolis, same; Cincinnati, plus \$0.20; Pittsburgh, plus \$0.10; and Detroit, minus \$0.20.

¹¹ Class I prices at other cities are: Portland, same; and Spokane, same.

¹² Class I prices at other cities are: Houston, plus \$0.60; San Antonio, plus \$0.45; Albuquerque, minus \$0.65; and El Paso, minus \$0.75.

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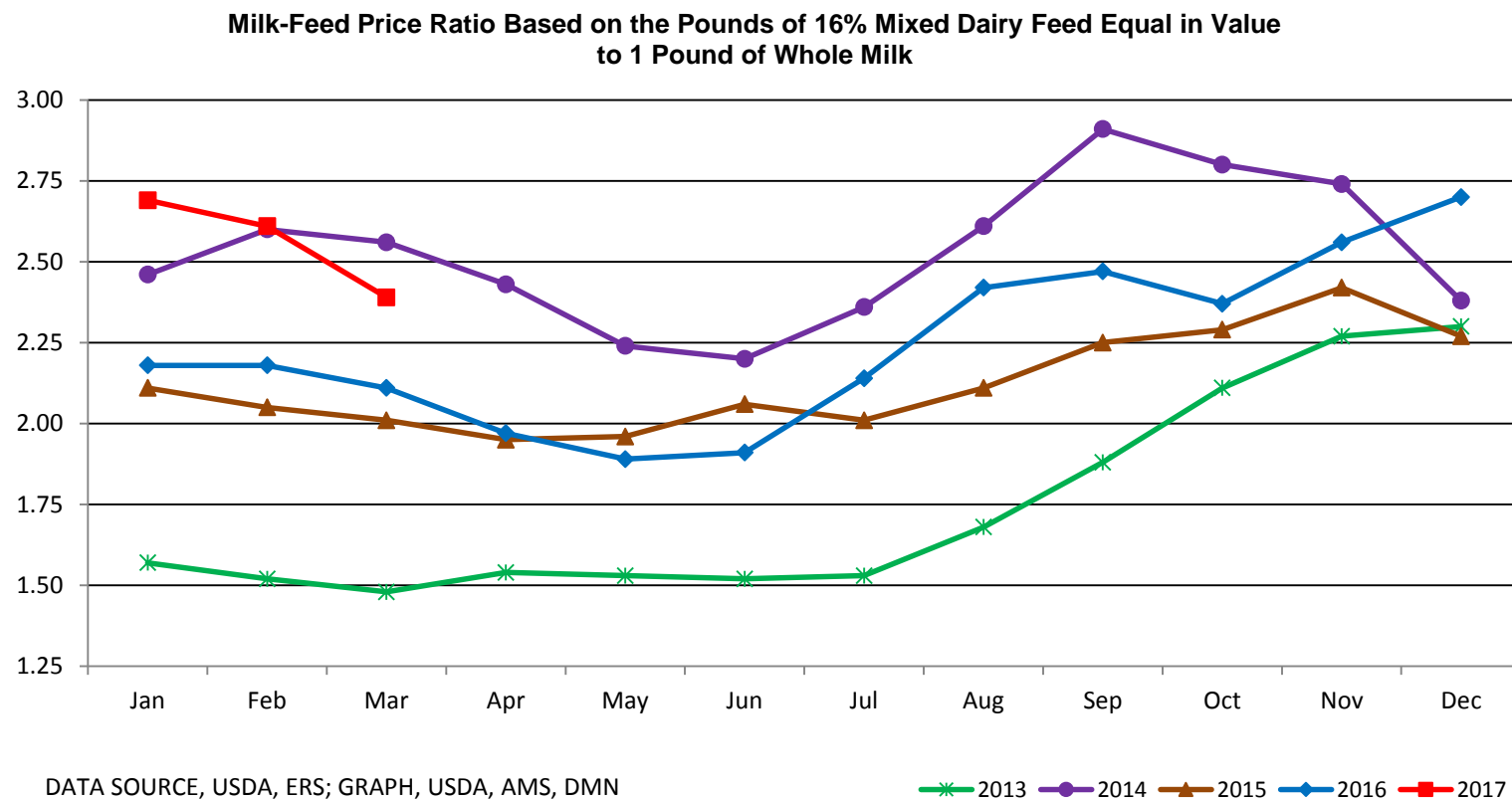
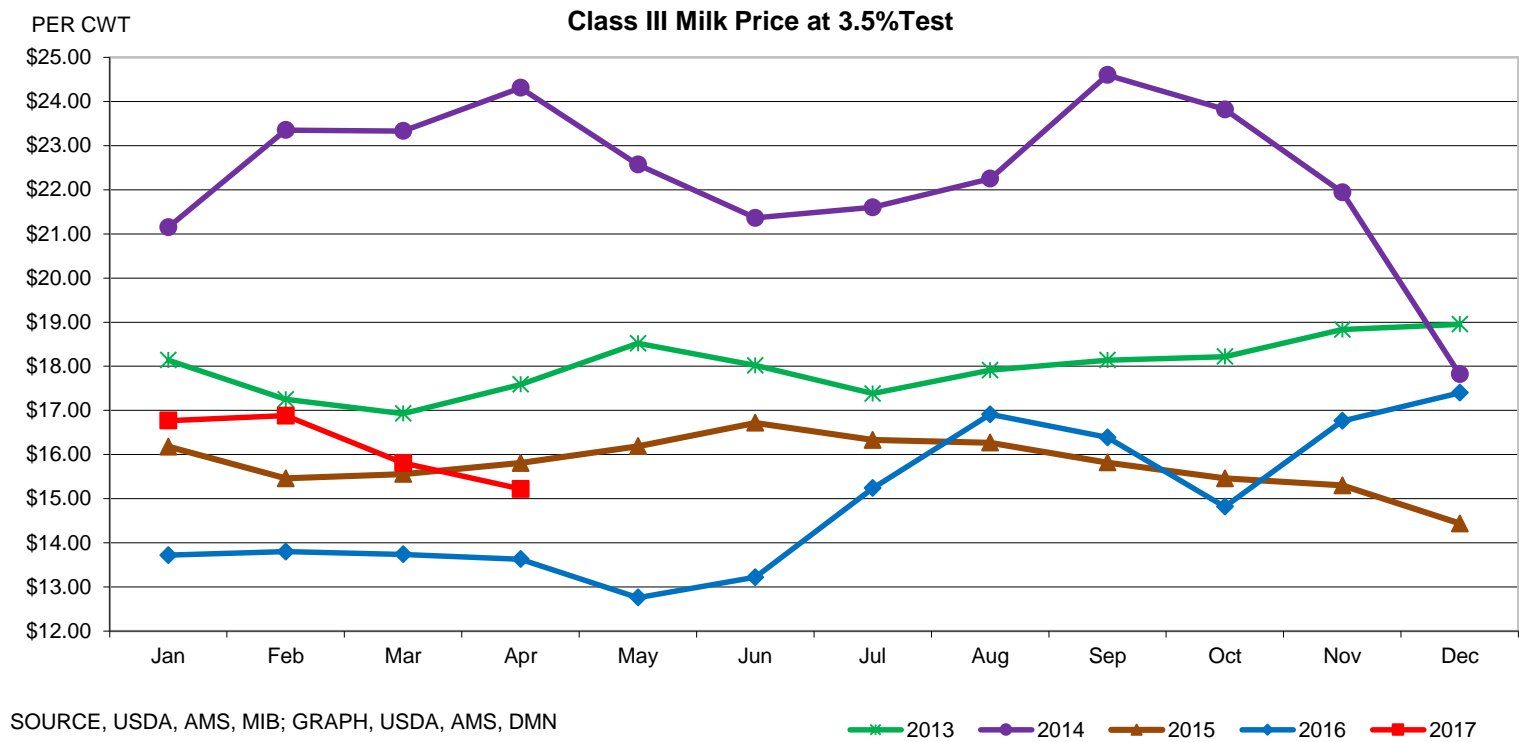
March 2017 Dairy Products Highlights

Butter production was 176 million pounds, 0.3 percent above March 2016, and 9.0 percent above February 2017. **American type cheese** production totaled 416 million pounds, 3.5 percent above March 2016, and 11.2 percent above February 2017. **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 1.06 billion pounds, 3.3 percent above March 2016, and 12.7 percent above February 2017. **Nonfat dry milk** production, for human food, totaled 160 million pounds, 7.2 percent below March 2016, but 13.0 above February 2017. **Dry whey** production, for human food, was 86.5 million pounds, 6.7 percent above March 2016, and 13.8 percent above February 2017. **Ice cream, regular hard** production totaled 74.7 million gallons, 2.6 percent above March 2016, and 26.7 percent above February 2017.

Production of Dairy Products									
Product	Mar 2017	Change from			Product	Mar 2017	Change from		
		Mar 2016	Feb 2017	Year to Date ¹			Mar 2016	Feb 2017	Year to Date ¹
	(1,000 lbs)	(percent)				(1,000 lbs)	(percent)		
Butter	175,516	0.3	9.0	0.1	Yogurt (plain and flavored)	390,490	-2.5	7.6	-2.5
Cheese					Dry whey, human food	86,492	6.7	13.8	---
American types ²	415,543	3.5	11.2	3.1	Dry whey, animal feed	1,484	-6.7	-24.4	---
Cheddar	309,250	8.0	12.1	6.6	Dry whey, total ⁸	87,976	6.4	12.8	3.0
Other American	106,293	-7.9	8.8	---	Reduced lactose & minerals				
Brick & Muenster	15,971	13.5	19.9	---	Human food	2,551	-3.8	4.8	---
Cream & Neufchatel	72,537	8.4	7.9	---	Animal feed	2,687	2.4	7.6	---
Hispanic	25,690	12.6	18.4	---	Lactose, human food & animal feed	97,562	5.1	15.1	3.6
Total Italian types	468,507	2.2	15.2	0.2	Whey protein concentrate				
Mozzarella	361,166	0.9	14.7	-0.7	Human food ⁹	41,651	---	16.3	---
Other Italian	107,341	6.7	16.9	---	Animal feed ⁹	395	82.9	66.7	---
Swiss	26,971	3.7	12.5	---	Total ⁹	42,046	0.5	16.6	-4.8
All other types	37,194	-2.6	3.7	---	25.0-49.9 percent ¹⁰	15,884	-0.7	16.6	---
Total	1,062,413	3.3	12.7	1.6	50.0-89.9 percent ¹⁰	26,162	1.2	16.6	---
Cottage cheese, curd ³	34,795	-4.2	9.5	---	Whey protein isolates ¹¹	9,590	6.5	-2.0	---
Cottage cheese, cream ⁴	28,247	-3.1	7.8	-4.3					
Cottage cheese, lowfat ⁵	31,006	-10.1	9.6	-9.2					
Dry buttermilk	9,798	1.9	-7.6	---					
Dry whole milk	11,207	12.4	10.1	---	Frozen products				
Milk protein conc. (MPC), total ⁶	16,566	18.1	-12.2	---	Ice cream, regular hard	74,738	2.6	26.7	-1.6
Nonfat dry milk (NDM), human	159,742	-7.2	13.0	0.4	Ice cream, lowfat, hard	19,133	0.2	12.5	---
Skim milk powders (SMP) ⁷	52,741	30.0	31.8	12.2	Ice cream, lowfat, soft	21,981	1.8	29.0	---
Sour cream	115,134	-0.3	14.1	-0.3	Ice cream, lowfat, total	41,114	1.0	20.8	1.3
					Sherbet, hard	3,413	-8.4	25.9	-2.3
					Frozen yogurt, total	7,279	1.0	42.1	-4.7

Manufacturers' Stocks, End of Month ¹²							
Product	Feb 2017	Feb 2016	Jan 2017	Product	Feb 2017	Feb 2016	Jan 2017
	(1,000 lbs)	(percent)			(1,000 lbs)	(percent)	
Dry whey, human food	76,446	3.1	10.7	Whey protein concentrate			
Dry whey, animal feed	1,893	31.6	-1.8	Human food ⁹	59,690	-16.5	2.1
Reduced lactose & minerals—human & animal ¹³	5,573	-29.2	-1.1	Animal feed ⁹	587	-19.8	-1.3
Lactose, human food & animal feed	118,968	-7.4	5.1	Total ⁹	60,277	-16.5	2.1
Dry buttermilk	26,589	6.0	-0.6	25.0-49.9 percent ¹⁰	23,260	-20.5	7.1
Nonfat dry milk, human food	247,025	6.4	-5.8	50.0-89.9 percent ¹⁰	37,017	-13.9	-0.8
				Whey protein isolates ¹¹	23,597	32.0	0.2

¹ 2016 cumulative as percent change of 2015 cumulative. ² Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey and Jack. ³ Mostly used for processing into cream or lowfat cottage cheese. ⁴ Fat content 4 percent or more. ⁵ Fat content less than 4 percent. ⁶ Dry milk protein concentrate, 40-89.9 percent. ⁷ Includes protein standardized and blends. ⁸ Excludes all modified dry whey products. ⁹ Whey protein concentrate, 25.0 to 89.9 percent. ¹⁰ Whey protein concentrate, human and animal. ¹¹ Whey protein isolates, 90.0 percent or greater. ¹² Stocks held by manufacturers at all points and in transit. ¹³ Reduced lactose and minerals stocks combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations. **Source:** U.S. Department of Agriculture. National Agricultural Statistics Service. Agricultural Statistics Board. *Dairy Products*, (May 2017).



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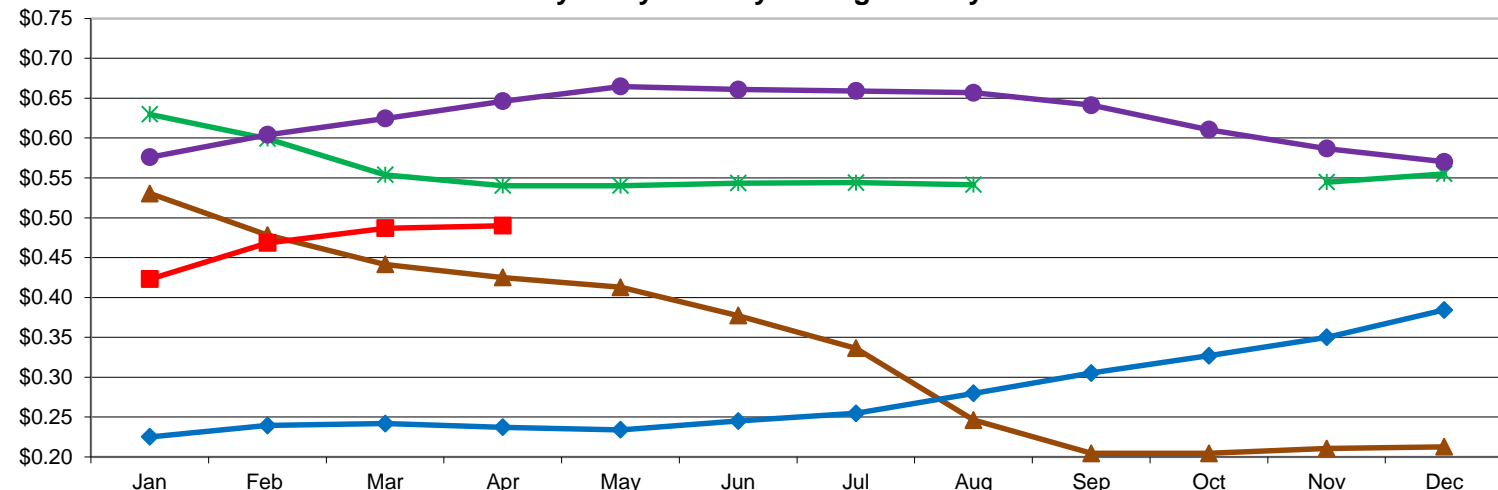
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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2013	\$1.25	\$1.24	\$1.20	\$1.22	\$1.26	\$1.31	\$1.35	\$1.37	-	-	\$1.60	\$1.68
2014	\$1.75	\$1.77	\$1.76	\$1.76	\$1.74	\$1.65	\$1.60	\$1.55	\$1.43	\$1.33	\$1.26	\$1.22
2015	\$1.15	\$1.08	\$1.00	\$0.95	\$0.90	\$0.85	\$0.78	\$0.64	\$0.55	\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.52
2016	\$0.54	\$0.56	\$0.57	\$0.60	\$0.62	\$0.66	\$0.69	\$0.72	\$0.73	\$0.77	\$0.79	\$0.86
2017	\$0.94	\$0.99	\$0.96	\$0.94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

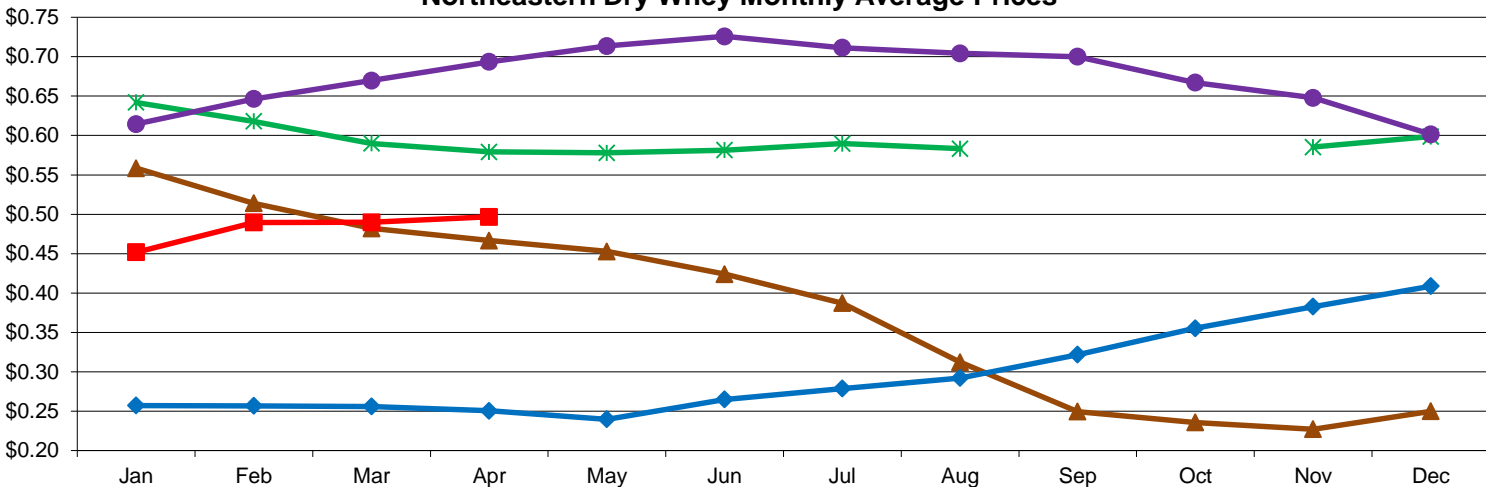
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Central Dry Whey Monthly Average Mostly Prices

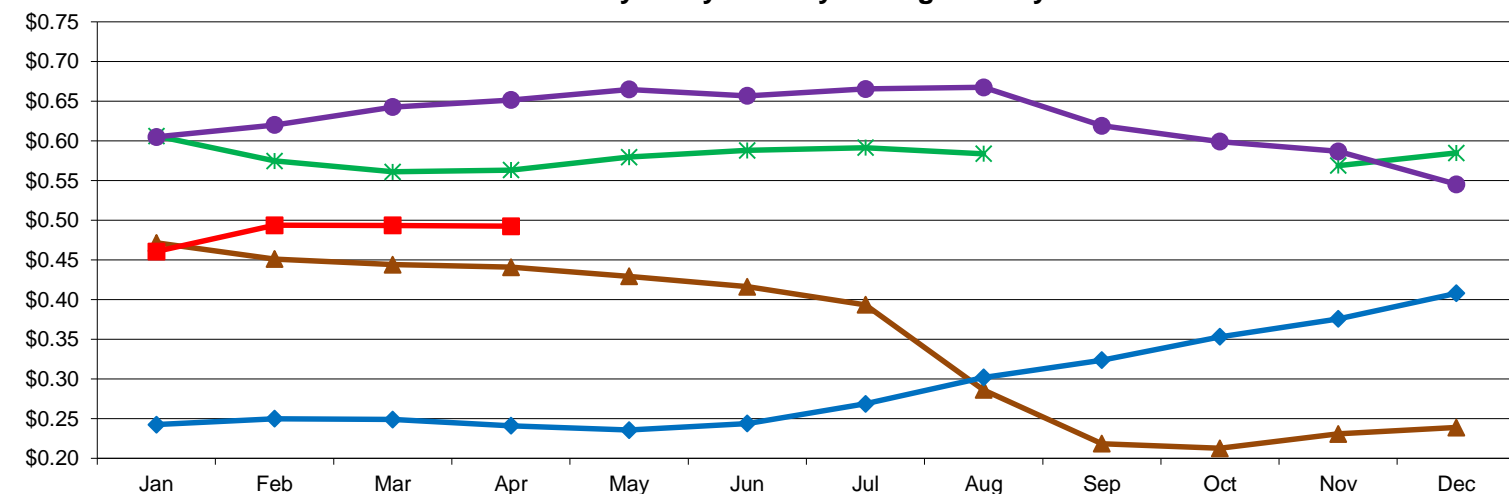
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Northeastern Dry Whey Monthly Average Prices

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Western Dry Whey Monthly Average Mostly Prices

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Advertised Prices for Dairy Products at Major Retail Supermarket Outlets ending during the period of 05/05/2017 to 05/11/2017

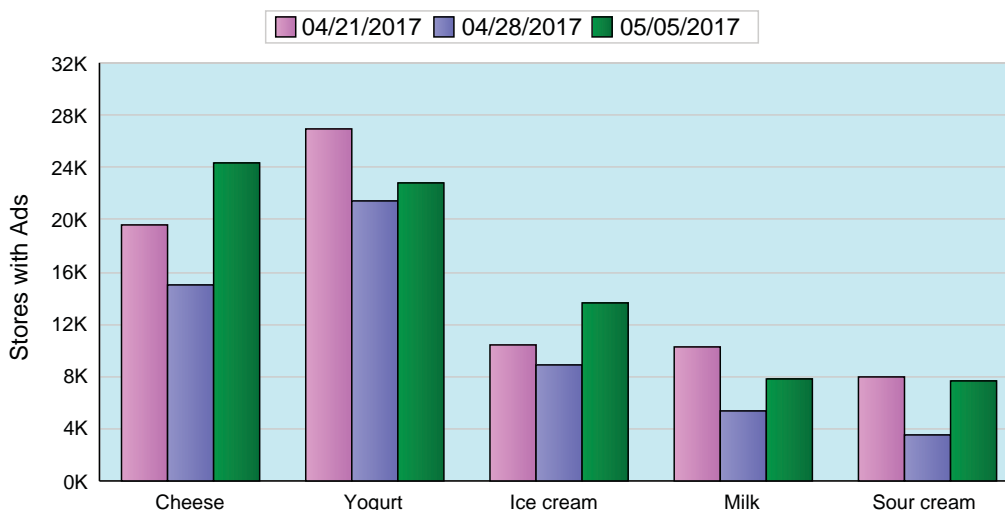
This week, total conventional dairy advertisements increased 51%, but organic dairy ads decreased 21%. Conventional Greek yogurt in 4-6 ounce containers is the top advertised dairy item, followed by ice cream in 48-64 ounce containers and 8 ounce packs of shred cheese. The average advertised price for conventional 1 pound butter is \$2.85, down \$0.37 from last week. One pound organic butter at \$5.70, is up \$0.71, an organic price premium of \$2.85. Conventional ice cream in 48-64 oz. containers has an average price of \$2.95, up \$0.13 from last week.

Conventional yogurt ads increased 13%, but organic yogurt ads decreased 59%. The average sale price for 4-6 ounce conventional Greek yogurt is \$0.98, while 4-6 ounce organic Greek yogurt is \$1.22, an organic price premium of \$0.24. The average sale price for 4-6 ounce conventional yogurt is \$0.61, while 4-6 ounce organic yogurt is \$1.00, an organic price premium of \$0.39.

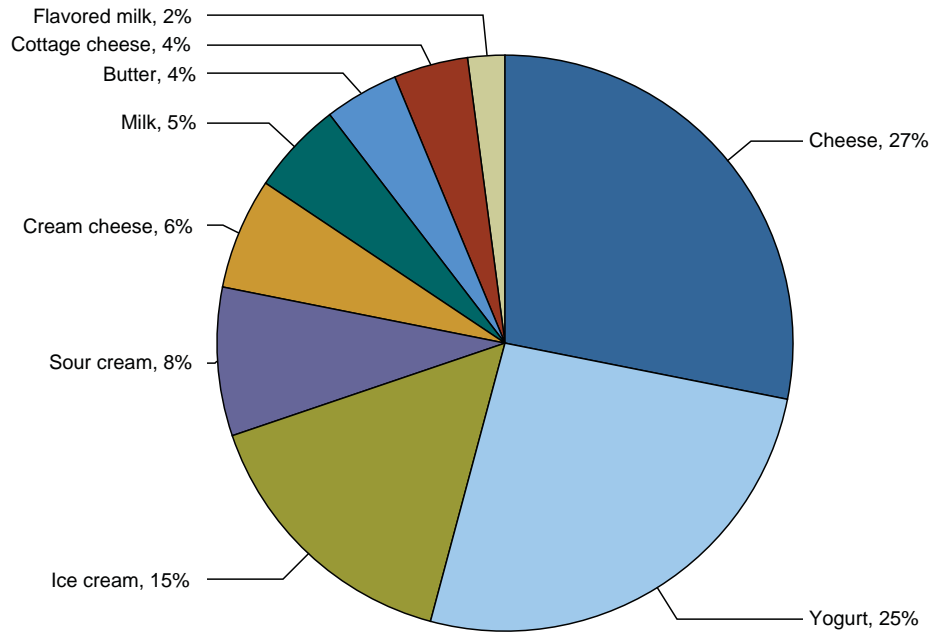
The U.S. advertised price for 8 ounce conventional cheese blocks average \$2.16, up \$0.15 from last week. There were no ads for organic 8 ounce cheese blocks. Ads for conventional 8 ounce shred cheese average \$2.22, up \$0.14 from last week. The U.S. advertised price for 8 ounce packages of organic shred cheese is \$4.49, a \$2.27 organic premium over conventional shred cheese. The number of conventional cheese ads increased 61%.

This week, the difference between the weighted average price for organic half gallon milk, \$3.48, and the weighted average price for conventional half gallon milk, \$2.10, resulted in an organic price premium of \$1.38. Organic milk advertisements increased 1% and ads for conventional milk increased 105%. Advertisements for conventional gallons of flavored milk and [unflavored] milk increased by the greatest percentage of all dairy items, 347% and 275% respectively.

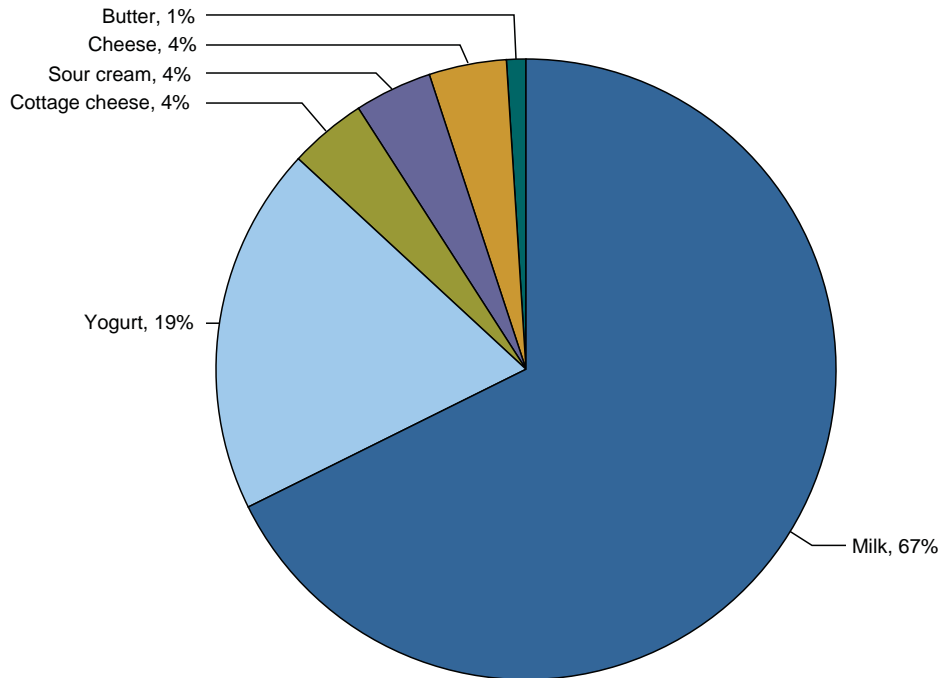
Top 5 Commodities Featured



Percentage of Total Conventional Ads by Commodity



Percentage of Total Organic Ads by Commodity





NATIONAL -- CONVENTIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS

Commodity	Type	Pack Size	THIS PERIOD		LAST WEEK		LAST YEAR	
			Stores With Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Stores With Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Stores With Ads	Wtd Avg Price
Butter		1 #	3259	2.85	1428	3.22	4365	2.91
Cheese	Natural Varieties	8 oz block	7637	2.16	3260	2.01	8016	2.11
Cheese	Natural Varieties	1 # block	3400	3.66	3016	3.52	2644	3.06
Cheese	Natural Varieties	2 # block	790	6.04	587	4.50	855	5.95
Cheese	Natural Varieties	8 oz shred	9628	2.22	5604	2.08	10451	2.24
Cheese	Natural Varieties	1 # shred	2754	3.50	2546	3.40	2121	2.86
Cottage cheese		16 oz	3166	1.76	2815	1.82	5211	1.91
Cream cheese		8 oz	5733	1.74	2595	1.88	6193	1.96
Flavored milk	All fat tests	half gallon	252	2.35	733	1.83	1038	2.11
Flavored milk	All fat tests	gallon	1190	2.97	266	2.54	466	3.10
Ice cream		48-64oz	13702	2.95	8809	2.82	17311	2.97
Milk	All fat tests	half gallon	1622	2.10	1511	2.14	599	1.52
Milk	All fat tests	gallon	3233	2.62	863	2.36	2270	2.29
Sour cream		16 oz	7446	1.58	3518	1.61	8066	1.75
Yogurt	Greek	4-6 oz	16199	.98	9555	.95	14551	.93
Yogurt	Greek	32 oz	1888	4.29	2473	4.65	910	4.29
Yogurt	Yogurt	4-6 oz	3261	.61	5248	.48	5416	.47
Yogurt	Yogurt	32 oz	530	2.40	2031	2.43	640	2.57

REGIONAL -- CONVENTIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS

Commodity	Type	Pack Size	NORTHEAST U.S.			SOUTHEAST U.S.			MIDWEST U.S.		
			Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price
Butter		1 #	2.50-4.99	1092	3.51	1.99-3.00	245	2.24	1.99-2.50	464	2.35
Cheese	Natural Varieties	8 oz block	1.49-3.50	2520	2.22	2.00-2.50	1347	2.39	0.99-3.00	882	2.08
Cheese	Natural Varieties	1 # block	2.50-6.99	934	3.78	3.99	1216	3.99	2.49-4.99	460	3.65
Cheese	Natural Varieties	2 # block				6.48	195	6.48			
Cheese	Natural Varieties	8 oz shred	1.67-3.00	3078	2.40	2.00-2.50	1673	2.36	1.66-3.00	1389	2.31
Cheese	Natural Varieties	1 # shred	3.99	277	3.99	3.00-3.99	1063	3.93	2.49-4.99	566	3.52
Cottage cheese		16 oz	1.66-2.99	981	2.31	1.25-2.00	868	1.77	1.25-1.66	499	1.42
Cream cheese		8 oz	1.00-2.89	1829	1.68	1.50-2.99	755	2.18	0.99-2.50	1167	1.65
Flavored milk	All fat tests	half gallon	3.29	118	3.29				0.77-2.00	134	1.51
Flavored milk	All fat tests	gallon				5.99	233	5.99	2.49-3.29	126	2.85
Ice cream		48-64oz	1.99-3.99	3340	2.59	1.99-5.48	3436	3.08	2.49-3.98	1288	2.85
Milk	All fat tests	half gallon	2.50	135	2.50	2.99	120	2.99	0.69-2.00	431	1.58
Milk	All fat tests	gallon	2.19-3.69	221	3.12	2.69-3.99	550	3.79	1.89-2.49	474	2.04
Sour cream		16 oz	1.00-2.00	2219	1.62	1.25-2.00	1775	1.79	1.25-1.99	1573	1.63
Yogurt	Greek	4-6 oz	0.80-1.50	4218	1.00	1.00	3410	1.00	0.88-1.00	3222	.98
Yogurt	Greek	32 oz	3.49-4.99	772	4.49	3.50-3.99	629	3.82	3.49	116	3.49
Yogurt	Yogurt	4-6 oz	0.45-1.25	1359	.66	0.50-0.60	446	.57	0.50-0.60	418	.53

Wtd Avg - Simple weighted average



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Commodity	Type	Pack Size	NORTHEAST U.S.			SOUTHEAST U.S.			MIDWEST U.S.		
			Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price
Yogurt	Yogurt	32 oz	1.99-2.69	240	2.41	2.18	195	2.18			

Commodity	Type	Pack Size	SOUTH CENTRAL U.S.			SOUTHWEST U.S.			NORTHWEST U.S.		
			Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price
Butter		1 #	1.99-2.99	621	2.60	2.49-2.99	628	2.69	2.49-2.50	190	2.50
Cheese	Natural Varieties	8 oz block	1.49-2.50	1263	1.88	1.66-2.49	1510	2.11	1.99	69	1.99
Cheese	Natural Varieties	1 # block	2.49	78	2.49	2.49-2.99	451	2.76	2.99-4.99	248	3.62
Cheese	Natural Varieties	2 # block				4.99-5.99	316	5.36	4.99-7.99	279	6.50
Cheese	Natural Varieties	8 oz shred	1.49-2.50	1053	1.82	1.50-2.50	1809	2.14	0.88-3.00	590	1.66
Cheese	Natural Varieties	1 # shred	2.49	210	2.49	2.49-2.99	451	2.76	2.99-3.49	187	3.17
Cottage cheese		16 oz	0.88-1.50	199	1.12	0.88-1.99	474	1.27	1.25	121	1.25
Cream cheese		8 oz	1.29-1.69	1347	1.48	1.67-2.49	532	2.09	2.50	61	2.50
Flavored milk	All fat tests	gallon	1.89-1.99	409	1.94	1.99-2.79	422	2.33			
Ice cream		48-64oz	1.99-5.50	1920	3.21	1.99-5.99	2520	3.06	1.99-3.99	1141	2.94
Milk	All fat tests	half gallon	1.00-3.50	507	1.81	0.99-2.99	336	2.45	2.49	66	2.49
Milk	All fat tests	gallon	1.99-2.00	279	1.99	1.89-3.99	1257	2.60	1.50-2.39	394	1.74
Sour cream		16 oz	0.88-2.00	718	1.35	0.88-1.99	693	1.11	1.00-1.89	430	1.37
Yogurt	Greek	4-6 oz	0.79-1.00	2279	.96	0.69-1.00	1710	.94	0.88-1.00	1226	.97
Yogurt	Greek	32 oz	4.49	54	4.49	4.99	240	4.99	4.99	66	4.99
Yogurt	Yogurt	4-6 oz	0.50	282	.50	0.44-1.00	666	.63	0.50	61	.50
Yogurt	Yogurt	32 oz							2.99	61	2.99

Commodity	Type	Pack Size	ALASKA U.S.			HAWAII U.S.		
			Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price
Butter		1 #	2.50-3.99	16	2.97	4.59	3	4.59
Cheese	Natural Varieties	8 oz block	2.69-3.29	10	2.99	2.00-2.98	36	2.33
Cheese	Natural Varieties	1 # block	3.99-5.99	13	4.30			
Cheese	Natural Varieties	8 oz shred	2.50-3.29	12	2.91	2.00	24	2.00
Cottage cheese		16 oz				2.69	24	2.69
Cream cheese		8 oz	2.49-2.98	8	2.67	2.00	34	2.00
Ice cream		48-64oz	3.00-4.99	23	3.97	4.29	34	4.29
Milk	All fat tests	half gallon				4.49	27	4.49
Milk	All fat tests	gallon	2.50	21	2.50	4.99	37	4.99
Sour cream		16 oz	1.50-2.50	35	2.14	2.00	3	2.00
Yogurt	Greek	4-6 oz	1.00-1.25	34	1.02	0.88-1.37	100	1.16
Yogurt	Greek	32 oz	5.49	11	5.49			
Yogurt	Yogurt	4-6 oz	0.70	2	.70	0.49-0.50	27	.50
Yogurt	Yogurt	32 oz				2.50	34	2.50



NATIONAL -- ORGANIC DAIRY PRODUCTS

Commodity	Type	Pack Size	THIS PERIOD		LAST WEEK		LAST YEAR	
			Stores With Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Stores With Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Stores With Ads	Wtd Avg Price
Butter		1 #	63	5.70	169	4.99	672	5.24
Cheese	Natural Varieties	8 oz block					852	3.92
Cheese	Natural Varieties	8 oz shred	178	4.49			471	3.93
Cottage cheese		16 oz	180	3.49	364	3.50	264	3.31
Milk	All fat tests	half gallon	2403	3.48	2538	3.37	2091	3.92
Milk	All fat tests	gallon	378	5.82	189	4.99	246	6.99
Milk	All fat tests	8 oz UHT	234	1.00	273	1.00		
Sour cream		16 oz	180	2.50	61	2.49		
Yogurt	Greek	4-6 oz	479	1.22	941	1.06	712	1.25
Yogurt	Greek	32 oz			242	3.81	127	1.79
Yogurt	Yogurt	4-6 oz	394	1.00	693	.97	1144	1.01
Yogurt	Yogurt	32 oz			239	4.24	57	2.99

REGIONAL -- ORGANIC DAIRY PRODUCTS

Commodity	Type	Pack Size	NORTHEAST U.S.			SOUTHEAST U.S.			MIDWEST U.S.		
			Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price
Cottage cheese		16 oz							3.49	180	3.49
Milk	All fat tests	half gallon	3.99-5.99	179	5.00	2.99-4.99	666	3.35	2.99-3.49	431	3.07
Milk	All fat tests	8 oz UHT				1.00	234	1.00			
Sour cream		16 oz							2.50	180	2.50
Yogurt	Greek	4-6 oz	1.25	304	1.25	1.00-1.50	175	1.17			
Yogurt	Yogurt	4-6 oz	1.00	304	1.00	1.00	90	1.00			

Commodity	Type	Pack Size	SOUTH CENTRAL U.S.			SOUTHWEST U.S.			NORTHWEST U.S.		
			Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price
Butter		1 #							5.69	61	5.69
Cheese	Natural Varieties	8 oz shred				4.49	178	4.49			
Milk	All fat tests	half gallon	2.99	429	2.99	2.99-4.49	629	3.80	3.29	66	3.29
Milk	All fat tests	gallon				5.98	246	5.98	5.49	121	5.49

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Commodity	Type	Pack Size	ALASKA U.S.			HAWAII U.S.		
			Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price	Price Range	Stores with Ads	Wtd Avg Price
Butter		1 #	5.89	2	5.89			
Milk	All fat tests	half gallon				5.79	3	5.79
Milk	All fat tests	gallon	5.99	11	5.99			

REGIONAL DEFINITIONS

As used in this report, regions include the following states:

NORTHEAST U.S.	Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont
SOUTHEAST U.S.	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia
MIDWEST U.S.	Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin
SOUTH CENTRAL U.S.	Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas
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