

### FEDERAL MILK ORDER PRICE AND POOL SUMMARY, MARCH

**HIGHLIGHTS.** Handler reports of receipts and utilization under the Federal milk order system for March have been filed and tabulated. Combined totals for the 11 consolidated orders are being released. During March, about 10.5 billion pounds of milk were received from producers. This volume of milk is 3.0 percent higher than the adjusted March 1999 volume. Slightly more than 4.0 billion pounds of producer milk were used in Class I products, 1.7 percent higher than the previous year. The all-market average Class utilization percentages were; Class I – 38, Class II – 11, Class III - 41, and Class IV - 10. The weighted average statistical uniform price (blend price under old pricing system) was \$11.59 per cwt., \$0.11 more than last month, and \$3.48 less than last year.

PRICE AND POOL STATISTICS FOR FEDERAL MILK ORDER MARKETING AREAS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2000										
FEDERAL MILK ORDER MARKETING AREA <u>1/</u>	ORDER NUMBER	RECEIPTS OF PRODUCER MILK		UTILIZATION OF PRODUCER MILK IN CLASS I			UTILIZATION OF PRODUCER MILK IN OTHER CLASSES			UNIFORM PRICE <u>3/</u>
		TOTAL	CHANGE FROM PREV. YEAR <u>2/</u>	TOTAL	CHANGE FROM PREV. YEAR <u>2/</u>	PERCENT	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV	
		MIL. LBS.	PERCENT	MIL. LBS.	PERCENT		PERCENT			
Northeast (Boston)	001	2,182.4	4.1	915.9	3.5	42	18	28	12	12.39
Appalachian (Charlotte)	005	593.2	13.6	380.0	-3.7	64	14	4	18	13.15
Southeast (Atlanta)	007	681.4	12.2	425.5	1.2	62	10	17	10	12.83
Florida (Tampa)	006	270.7	-1.6	236.4	2.6	87	7	2	3	14.47
Mideast (Cleveland)	033	1,165.7	5.7	586.1	-0.2	50	19	24	7	11.68
Upper Midwest (Chicago)	030 <u>4/</u>	2,260.6	-7.0	367.9	-0.1	16	4	80	1	10.18
Central (Kansas City)	032	1,318.8	24.7	419.1	10.5	32	9	54	5	10.91
Southwest (Dallas)	126	821.0	-1.9	345.6	2.6	42	10	39	9	11.90
Arizona-Las Vegas (Phoenix)	131	286.6	8.3	86.3	0.4	30	2	34	34	11.28
Western (Salt Lake City)	135	367.2	-18.8	92.3	-5.2	25	9	43	22	11.02
Pacific Northwest (Seattle)	124	594.2	1.7	183.8	-1.5	31	7	32	30	11.17
<b>ALL MARKET AVERAGE OR TOTAL</b>		10,541.6	3.0	4,038.7	1.7	38	11	41	10	11.59

1/ Names in parentheses are principal pricing points of markets.

2/ Previous year figures are the simple summation of the data for the orders that were consolidated. For those orders that also include partial marketing area changes or the addition of unregulated area, the figures for the previous year were adjusted for these changes; in some cases these adjustments are based on estimated data. No adjustments to previous year figures were made for handler regulation shifts that result from other than marketing area changes.

3/ Statistical uniform price for component pricing orders (Class III price plus producer price differential). For other orders, uniform skim milk price times 0.965 plus uniform butterfat price times 3.5.

4/ Due to a disadvantageous relationship between the Class II price and the location adjusted statistical uniform (blend) price, handlers elected not to pool a relatively small volume of milk that normally would have been associated with the market.