

**FEDERAL MILK ORDER PRICE AND POOL SUMMARY, DECEMBER**

**HIGHLIGHTS.** Handler reports of receipts and utilization under the Federal milk order system for December have been filed and tabulated. Combined totals for the 11 consolidated orders are being released. During December, about 9.4 billion pounds of milk were received from producers. This volume of milk is 6.1 percent lower than the adjusted December 1999 volume. About 4.0 billion pounds of producer milk were used in Class I products, 0.7 percent lower than the previous year. Calendar composition likely had a negative impact on milk used in Class I in 2000 as compared to 1999. The all-market average Class utilization percentages were; Class I = 42%, Class II = 8%, Class III = 44%, and Class IV = 6%. The weighted average statistical uniform price was \$12.55 per cwt., \$0.44 higher than last month, and \$0.73 higher than last year.

PRICE AND POOL STATISTICS FOR FEDERAL MILK ORDER MARKETING AREAS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2000										
FEDERAL MILK ORDER MARKETING AREA <sup>1/</sup>	ORDER NUMBER	RECEIPTS OF PRODUCER MILK		UTILIZATION OF PRODUCER MILK IN CLASS I			UTILIZATION OF PRODUCER MILK IN OTHER CLASSES			UNIFORM PRICE <sup>3/</sup>
		TOTAL	CHANGE FROM PREV. YEAR <sup>2/</sup>	TOTAL	CHANGE FROM PREV. YEAR <sup>2/</sup>	PERCENT	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV	
		MIL. LBS.	PERCENT	MIL. LBS.	PERCENT		PERCENT			\$ PER CWT.
Northeast (Boston)	001	1,954.4	-5.8	936.9	2.6	48	14	29	9	13.72
Appalachian (Charlotte)	005	558.2	7.7	370.3	-7.8	66	12	9	14	14.83
Southeast (Atlanta)	007	619.5	-6.8	410.9	-3.8	66	9	15	10	14.51
Florida (Tampa)	006	253.1	1.9	218.8	-1.1	86	7	3	4	16.10
Mideast (Cleveland)	033 <sup>4/</sup>	1,245.8	11.3	578.0	-4.0	46	7	43	3	12.16
Upper Midwest (Chicago)	030 <sup>4/</sup>	1,657.0	-28.9	337.9	-9.3	20	3	76	1	10.60
Central (Kansas City)	032 <sup>4/</sup>	1,402.9	30.8	428.5	15.8	31	6	62	2	11.38
Southwest (Dallas)	126 <sup>4/</sup>	662.0	-8.2	330.3	-1.8	50	4	44	2	12.91
Arizona-Las Vegas (Phoenix)	131	251.5	-2.9	81.2	17.5	32	4	37	26	12.40
Western (Salt Lake City)	135 <sup>4/</sup>	300.7	-35.1	82.5	-5.9	27	8	63	2	11.20
Pacific Northwest (Seattle)	124 <sup>4/</sup>	532.1	-7.7	177.2	-0.9	33	5	38	24	12.27
<b>ALL MARKET AVERAGE OR TOTAL</b>		9,437.2	-6.1	3,952.4	-0.7	42	8	44	6	12.55

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

<sup>2/</sup> 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.

<sup>3/</sup> 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.

<sup>4/</sup> Due to a disadvantageous relationship between class prices and location adjusted statistical uniform (blend) price in some markets, handlers elected not to pool milk that normally would have been associated with these markets.