

**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 11.0 billion pounds of milk were received from producers. This volume of milk is 8.9 percent higher than the March 2001 volume. (Taking into account the volume of milk not pooled due to intraorder disadvantageous price relationships, the year-to-year change is +5.9 percent.) About 3.9 billion pounds of producer milk were used in Class I products, 5.0 percent lower than the previous year. Calendar composition likely had a negative impact on milk used in Class I in 2002 as compared to 2001. The all-market average Class utilization percentages were; Class I = 35%, Class II = 9%, Class III = 45%, and Class IV = 10%. The weighted average statistical uniform price was \$12.32 per cwt., \$0.52 lower than last month, and \$1.32 lower than last year.

<b>PRICE AND POOL STATISTICS FOR FEDERAL MILK ORDER MARKETING AREAS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2002</b>										
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>2/</u>
		TOTAL	CHANGE FROM PREV. YEAR	TOTAL	CHANGE FROM PREV. YEAR	PERCENT	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV	
		MIL. LBS.	PERCENT	MIL. LBS.	PERCENT		PERCENT			\$ PER CWT.
Northeast (Boston)	001	2,288.8	6.1	897.2	-5.9	39	17	32	12	13.05
Appalachian (Charlotte)	005	625.5	0.9	369.7	-3.2	59	15	9	18	13.60
Southeast (Atlanta)	007	761.0	7.4	403.6	-6.2	53	11	21	15	13.34
Florida (Tampa)	006	247.0	-6.0	218.2	-9.0	88	7	3	2	15.20
Mideast (Cleveland)	033 <u>3/</u>	1,575.9	17.8	550.4	-7.1	35	11	49	5	11.93
Upper Midwest (Chicago)	030 <u>3/</u>	1,827.6	5.9	346.3	-0.2	19	2	78	1	11.25
Central (Kansas City)	032 <u>3/</u>	1,559.3	1.0	411.5	-5.0	26	6	61	7	11.66
Southwest (Dallas)	126 <u>3/</u>	865.8	26.8	337.9	-2.7	39	9	36	16	12.77
Arizona-Las Vegas (Phoenix)	131	285.7	6.4	81.5	-4.5	29	4	39	29	11.91
Western (Salt Lake City)	135 <u>3/</u>	349.0	16.3	82.7	-7.3	24	8	64	4	11.56
Pacific Northwest (Seattle)	124 <u>3/</u>	663.2	22.6	177.1	-2.8	27	5	37	32	11.73
<b>ALL MARKET AVERAGE OR TOTAL</b>	<u>3/</u>	11,048.7	8.9	3,876.0	-5.0	35	9	45	10	12.32

1/ Names in parentheses are the major city in the principal pricing point of the market.

2/ 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.

3/ Due to a disadvantageous relationship between intraorder class prices and the location adjusted statistical uniform (blend) price in these markets, handlers elected not to pool an estimated 285 million pounds of milk that normally would have been associated with these markets. In March 2001, the estimated not-pooled volume of milk was 550 million pounds. After adjusting for these not-pooled volumes, the year-to-year percent change is +5.9.