

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

**HIGHLIGHTS.** Handler reports of receipts and utilization under the Federal milk order system for November have been filed and tabulated. Combined totals for the 10 consolidated orders are being released. During December, about 9.3 billion pounds of milk were received from producers. This volume of milk is 3.6 percent lower than the December 2007 volume. In December 2007, there was a significant volume of milk not pooled due to intraorder disadvantageous price relationships. About 4.0 billion pounds of producer milk were used in Class I products, 3.5 percent higher than the previous year. Calendar composition likely had a negative impact on milk used in Class I in 2008 as compared to 2007. The all-market average Class utilization percentages were: Class I = 43%, Class II = 11%, Class III = 32% and Class IV = 14%. The weighted average statistical uniform price was \$14.95 per cwt., \$1.69 lower than last month and \$6.15 lower than last year.

PRICE AND POOL STATISTICS FOR FEDERAL MILK ORDER MARKETING AREAS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2008										
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	1,976.9	-0.9	914.7	1.0	46	16	22	15	15.06
Appalachian (Charlotte)	005	522.7	4.6	361.7	6.1	69	15	4	12	16.23
Southeast (Atlanta)	007	606.5	2.2	404.4	2.9	67	9	12	12	16.85
Florida (Tampa)	006	264.7	-0.9	223.6	1.8	84	7	2	6	18.85
Midwest (Cleveland)	033	1,225.4	-10.9	586.6	5.6	48	18	26	8	14.42
Upper Midwest (Chicago)	030	2,318.1	-4.5	393.6	4.3	17	4	75	3	15.04
Central (Kansas City)	032	928.6	0.7	376.2	0.4	41	12	24	24	13.63
Southwest (Dallas)	126	603.9	-5.5	367.0	6.0	61	14	2	23	14.75
Arizona (Phoenix)	131	358.5	11.7	120.6	4.6	34	7	27	32	13.97
Pacific Northwest (Seattle)	124	472.7	-18.3	203.7	6.9	43	7	9	41	13.00
<b>ALL MARKET AVERAGE OR TOTAL</b>	-	9,278.1	-3.6	3,952.1	3.5	43	11	32	14	14.95

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.