

FEDERAL MILK ORDER MARKETING AND UTILIZATION SUMMARY, MARCH 2012

HIGHLIGHTS. Handler reports of receipts and utilization under the Federal milk order system for March have been filed and tabulated. Combined totals for the 10 consolidated orders are being released. During March, more than 11.9 billion pounds of milk were received from producers. This volume of milk is 15.6 percent higher than the March 2011 volume. In March 2011 and March 2012, there were volumes of milk not pooled due to intraorder disadvantageous price relationships. More than 3.7 billion pounds of producer milk were used in Class I products, 3.3 percent lower than the previous year. Calendar composition likely had a positive impact on milk used in Class I in 2012 as compared to 2011. The all-market average Class utilization percentages were: Class I = 32%, Class II = 11%, Class III = 45% and Class IV = 12%. The weighted average statistical uniform price was \$16.89 per cwt., \$0.45 lower than last month and \$3.05 lower than last year.

PRICE AND POOL STATISTICS FOR FEDERAL MILK ORDER MARKETING AREAS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2012										
FEDERAL MILK ORDER MARKETING AREA 1/	ORDER NUMBER	RECEIPTS OF PRODUCER MILK		UTILIZATION OF PRODUCER MILK IN CLASS I			UTILIZATION OF PRODUCER MILK IN OTHER CLASSES			UNIFORM PRICE 2/ \$ PER CWT.
		TOTAL	CHANGE FROM PREV. YEAR	TOTAL	CHANGE FROM PREV. YEAR	PERCENT	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV	
		MIL. LBS.	PERCENT	MIL. LBS.	PERCENT		PERCENT			
Northeast (Boston)	001	2,160.9	1.5	860.9	-2.3	40	25	23	12	17.64
Appalachian (Charlotte)	005	515.1	1.1	331.9	-6.1	64	14	10	12	18.48
Florida (Tampa)	006	254.2	-5.1	219.5	-0.6	87	9	1	3	20.83
Southeast (Atlanta)	007	666.2	0.6	392.3	-2.1	59	10	21	10	18.62
Upper Midwest (Chicago)	030 3/	2,938.2	12.5	323.4	-12.8	11	2	84	3	15.98
Central (Kansas City)	032 3/	1,533.6	52.6	422.5	8.2	28	9	47	16	16.22
Mideast (Cleveland)	033 3/	1,557.7	9.5	534.2	-8.1	34	17	39	10	16.55
Pacific Northwest (Seattle)	124	719.1	4.1	191.3	-3.4	27	6	41	27	16.14
Southwest (Dallas)	126	1,141.6	90.1	369.9	-2.0	32	8	45	14	17.18
Arizona (Phoenix)	131	434.7	5.2	121.4	-0.3	28	7	23	42	16.40
ALL MARKET AVERAGE OR TOTAL	3/	11,921.3	15.6	3,767.2	-3.3	32	11	45	12	16.89

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 price in these markets, handlers elected not to pool an estimated 178 million pounds of milk that normally would have been associated with these markets. In March 2011, the estimated not pooled volume of milk was 1155 million pounds, occurring in order numbers 030, 032, 033, and 126. After adjusting for non pooled milk, the year-to-year percent change is -5.2%.

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