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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS AND COMPONENT PRICES

	<u>February 2003</u>	
	<u>dollars</u>	
Class I price @ Suffolk County, MA (Boston) at 3.5% butterfat ^{1/}	13.48	per hundredweight
Processor Assessment ^{1/2/}	0.20	per hundredweight
Total Class I price ^{1/}	13.68	per hundredweight
Class II price @ 3.5 % butterfat	10.66	per hundredweight
Class II butterfat price	1.1443	per pound
Class II skim price ^{1/}	6.90	per hundredweight
Class II nonfat solids price ^{1/}	0.7667	per pound
Class III price @ 3.5 % butterfat	9.66	per hundredweight
Class III skim price	5.89	per hundredweight
Class IV price @ 3.5 % butterfat	9.81	per hundredweight
Class IV skim milk price	6.04	per hundredweight
Component prices:		
Butterfat price	1.1373	per pound
Nonfat solids price	0.6711	per pound
Protein price	1.8538	per pound
Other solids price	0.0240	per pound

Product price monthly averages:	<u>dollars</u>	
Butter	1.0476	per pound
Nonfat dry milk	0.8111	per pound
Cheese	1.1299	per pound
Dry whey	0.1632	per pound

Estimated Utilization Percentages of Producer Milk for March 2003^{3/}

	<u>Class I</u>	<u>Class II, III and IV</u>
Butterfat	20	80
Skim Milk	40	60

^{1/} Previously announced in *Announcement of Class I Price and Advanced Pricing Factors*.

^{2/} The processor assessment is an obligation under the Fluid Milk Promotion Order (7CFR§1160.101 et seq.). The Order requires that all persons who process and market commercially more than 3,000,000 pounds of fluid milk products in consumer-type packages in the 48 contiguous states and District of Columbia on a monthly basis, excluding those fluid milk products delivered to a residence of a consumer, be assessed 20 cents per hundredweight on all marketings of such packaged fluid milk products during the month.

^{3/} Utilization percentages for assigning bulk receipts at pool distributing plants from other federal order markets, Section 1000.45(a) of the Order.

* These prices were computed using the formulas in the U.S. District Court's preliminary injunction order dated January 31, 2001.

Note: Price formulas are available at www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/price_formula.htm.

(Class I prices by location on reverse side)

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Class I Price Information for the Northeast Order

Selected locations	Differential*	Adjustment	Prices		
			Skim	Butterfat	Class I#
			per cwt.	per pound	per cwt.
Class I Mover Factor:			6.20	1.2133	10.23
Boston, MA	3.25	0.00	9.45	1.2458	13.48
Newport News/Portsmouth, VA	3.20	(0.05)	9.40	1.2453	13.43
New York, NY	3.15	(0.10)	9.35	1.2448	13.38
Long Valley, NJ	3.10	(0.15)	9.30	1.2443	13.33
Philadelphia, PA	3.05	(0.20)	9.25	1.2438	13.28
Agawam, MA/Baltimore, MD	3.00	(0.25)	9.20	1.2433	13.23
Frederick, MD/New Holland, PA	2.90	(0.35)	9.10	1.2423	13.13
Mt. Holly Springs, PA	2.80	(0.45)	9.00	1.2413	13.03
Albany/Binghamton, NY	2.70	(0.55)	8.90	1.2403	12.93
Middlebury, VT	2.60	(0.65)	8.80	1.2393	12.83
Syracuse, NY	2.50	(0.75)	8.70	1.2383	12.73
St. Albans/Swanton, VT	2.40	(0.85)	8.60	1.2373	12.63
Watertown/Rochester, NY	2.30	(0.95)	8.50	1.2363	12.53
Buffalo, NY	2.20	(1.05)	8.40	1.2353	12.43
Jamestown, NY	2.10	(1.15)	8.30	1.2343	12.33

* Differentials listed apply to states included in the Northeast marketing area. Outside of this area, differentials may be above or below this range. Cities listed are for reference purposes only. Differentials apply on a county basis.

Price at 3.5% butterfat. Does not include the 20 cent per hundredweight processor assessment, an obligation under the Fluid Milk Promotion Order (7CFR§1160.101 et seq.).

Regional Milk Production Costs

USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) has discontinued calculating estimated monthly Cost of Production (COP) for milk effective with data provided on 5/31/02. ERS has recently developed a new approach for computing milk COP estimates using data from the 2000 Agricultural Resource Management Study of dairy farmers. This COP information can be found at www.ers.usda.gov/data/costsandreturns/testpick.htm under the "milk" selection. For additional information contact Sara Short (202) 694-5588, Jim Johnson (202) 694-5560, or Bill McBride (202) 694-5577.