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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS AND COMPONENT PRICES

	<u>December 2002</u>	
	<u>dollars</u>	
Class I price @ <i>Suffolk County, MA (Boston)</i> at 3.5% butterfat ^{1/}	13.77	per hundredweight
Processor Assessment ^{1/ 2/}	0.20	per hundredweight
Total Class I price ^{1/}	13.97	per hundredweight
Class II price @ 3.5 % butterfat	11.62	per hundredweight
Class II butterfat price	1.1992	per pound
Class II skim price ^{1/}	7.69	per hundredweight
Class II nonfat solids price ^{1/}	0.8544	per pound
Class III price @ 3.5 % butterfat	9.74	per hundredweight
Class III skim price	5.77	per hundredweight
Class IV price @ 3.5 % butterfat	10.49	per hundredweight
Class IV skim milk price	6.55	per hundredweight
Component prices:		
Butterfat price	1.1922	per pound
Nonfat solids price	0.7282	per pound
Protein price	1.7506	per pound
Other solids price	0.0584	per pound

Product price monthly averages:	<u>dollars</u>	
Butter	1.0926	per pound
Nonfat dry milk	0.8682	per pound
Cheese	1.1203	per pound
Dry whey	0.1965	per pound

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

	<u>Class I</u>	<u>Class II, III and IV</u>
Butterfat	21	79
Skim Milk	42	58

^{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 and Regional Milk Production Costs on reverse side)

December 2002
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:			6.99	1.0782	10.52
Boston, MA	3.25	0.00	10.24	1.1107	13.77
Newport News/Portsmouth, VA	3.20	(0.05)	10.19	1.1102	13.72
New York, NY	3.15	(0.10)	10.14	1.1097	13.67
Long Valley, NJ	3.10	(0.15)	10.09	1.1092	13.62
Philadelphia, PA	3.05	(0.20)	10.04	1.1087	13.57
Agawam, MA/Baltimore, MD	3.00	(0.25)	9.99	1.1082	13.52
Frederick, MD/New Holland, PA	2.90	(0.35)	9.89	1.1072	13.42
Mt. Holly Springs, PA	2.80	(0.45)	9.79	1.1062	13.32
Albany/Binghamton, NY	2.70	(0.55)	9.69	1.1052	13.22
Middlebury, VT	2.60	(0.65)	9.59	1.1042	13.12
Syracuse, NY	2.50	(0.75)	9.49	1.1032	13.02
St. Albans/Swanton, VT	2.40	(0.85)	9.39	1.1022	12.92
Watertown/Rochester, NY	2.30	(0.95)	9.29	1.1012	12.82
Buffalo, NY	2.20	(1.05)	9.19	1.1002	12.72
Jamestown, NY	2.10	(1.15)	9.09	1.0992	12.62

* 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.