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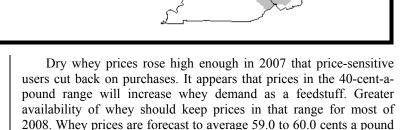
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U.S. milk production rose 3.5 percent in October from September's robust increase, according to the November 16th *Milk Production* report. Increases in both U.S. cow numbers and production per cow were reported. Higher feed prices, relatively tight supplies of quality alfalfa hay, along with other non-feed inputs, are pushing up costs. In order to maintain expansion, milk prices must remain high. However, inventories of butter and nonfat dry milk (NDM) are above last year, and higher retail prices have softened fluid milk sales.

The Dairy Outlook

Dairy cow slaughter in the third quarter averaged about the same as 2006 but increased in October. The milk feed price ratio, while still showing a profitable situation, will likely retreat in 2008 from its estimated third quarter high of 3.17. Cow prices remain high, implying continued strong demand for cows, but producers maybe using this situation to retire older, less productive animals to reduce costs and gird for somewhat lower milk prices in 2008. However, higher forecast feed prices may exacerbate the cost squeeze and slow the production expansion. USDA is projecting 2007 milk production at 185.3 billion pounds and at 190.1 billion pounds in 2008.

Commercial use of dairy products continued upward in 2007 and is expected to rise again in 2008. Exports are figuring more prominently in overall commercial use. Cheese production in September trailed that of September 2006. Total cheese stocks have been behind year-earlier levels since June. Cheese demand has been strong, and this has firmed cheese prices, especially in the fourth quarter. Increased milk production and less fluid use should make more milk available for cheese production. As a result, cheese prices are forecast to decline into 2008. The cheese price is expected to average in the range of \$1.715 to \$1.725 per pound in 2007 and decline to \$1.605 to \$1.695 per pound next year. Limited imports and relatively strong demand should keep prices from dropping precipitously.

Butter prices are forecast to average in the \$1.330 to \$1.360 per pound range in 2007 and the \$1.190 to \$1.310 per pound range next year as supplies remain large. World butter prices are above current U.S. prices, and butter exports have been on an upward trajectory throughout most of 2007, except for June. The small month-overmonth drawdown in stocks suggests that manufacturers are working off inventories.

Nonfat dry milk (NDM) remains in short supply globally, and thus prices for now remain strong. NDM prices are projected to average in the \$1.720 to \$1.740 per pound range in 2007 and to decline to average in the range of \$1.645 to \$1.715 per pound in 2008. It is in this sector that higher production to date and next year should ease tight supplies, in both the domestic and export markets.

in 2007 and 43.0 to 46.0 cents a pound in 2008.

The forecast decline in dairy product prices will translate into lower milk prices in 2008. Although higher than in recent years, prices should begin to decline from 2007 highs. The Class IV price is projected to average in the \$18.45 to \$18.65 per cwt range in 2007 and to decline to average in the range of \$17.35 to \$18.35 in 2008. Likewise, the Class III price is expected to average from \$17.80 to \$17.90 per cwt this year and to soften to from \$15.75 to \$16.65 per cwt next year. The all milk price will average from \$18.95 to \$19.05

SOURCE: "Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook", LDP-M-161, November 20, 2007, Economic Research Service, USDA. For more information, contact Roger Hoskin, (202) 694-5148.

per cwt in 2007, with a decline to between \$17.70 and \$18.60 per cwt



Protein Price

Other Solids Price

Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate

Statistical Uniform Price

expected in 2008.



4.3081 / lb

0.2461 / lb

0.00098 / cwt

21.08 / cwt

November 2007 - Pool Summary						
Classification of Producer Milk						
	Pounds	Percent				
Class I	571,301,407	45.3				
Class II	137,560,244	10.9				
Class III	491,766,660	39.0				
Class IV	60,583,986	4.8				
Total	1,261,212,297	100.0				
Producer Prices						
Producer Price Di	\$ 1.86 / cwt					
Butterfat Price		1.4077 / lb				

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRODUCER PRICES Federal Order No. 33

NOVEMBER 2007

COMPUTATION OF PRODUCER PRICE DIFFERENTIAL

			SKIM /	NONFAT	OTHER		
POU	NDS E	BUTTERFAT	<u>PROTEIN</u>	SOLIDS	SOLIDS	PRICE	<u>VALUE</u>
Class I Skim Value			560,776,139			\$ 19.04 / cwt	\$106,771,776.82
Class I Butterfat		10,525,268				1.4518 / lb	15,280,584.07
Class I Location Differential 571,30	01,407						(275,339.03)
Class II SNF Value				11,445,280		1.9711 / lb	22,559,791.42
Class II Butterfat		13,088,558				1.4147 / lb	18,516,383.05
Class III Protein Value			15,593,235			4.3081 / lb	67,177,215.70
Class III Other Solids Value		17.700.016			28,128,029	0.2461 / lb	6,922,307.96
Class III Butterfat		17,722,216		4045056		1.4077 / lb	24,947,563.46
Class IV SNF Value		(700 212		4,947,376		1.7812 / lb	8,812,266.14
Class IV Butterfat		6,780,312				1.4077 / lb	9,544,645.21
Somatic Cell Value II / III / IV TOTAL PRODUCER MILK VALUE 1.261.21	2 207	40 116 254	20.010.607		71 000 000		665,130.85 © 280,022,225,65
TOTAL PRODUCER MILK VALUE 1,261,21	12,297	48,116,354	39,910,697		71,890,990		\$ 280,922,325.65
Overages					\$ 128,058.27		
Beginning Inventory and OS Charges					(135,098.68)		
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TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS							\$ (7,040.41)
TOTAL HANDLER OBLIGATIONS							\$ 280,915,285.24
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Total Protein Value			39,910,697 lbs	@	\$4.3081		\$ (171,939,273.73)
Total Other Solids Value			71,890,990 lbs	<u>a</u>	0.2461		(17,692,372.68)
Butterfat Value			48,116,354 lbs	(a)	1.4077		(67,733,391.52)
Total Somatic Cell Values				Ü			(1,169,940.59)
TOTALS							\$ 22,380,306.72
Net Producer Location Adjustments							\$ 984,847.18
1/2 Unobligated Balance Producer Settlement Fund							649,000.00
Total - Divided by Total Pounds			1,261,212,297 lbs		1.9040533		\$ 24,014,153.90
Rate of Cash Reserve					(0.0440533)		(555,605.64)
PRODUCER PRICE DIFFERENTIAL at Cuyahoga	County, OH*		1,261,212,297		\$ 1.86 /cwt		\$ 23,458,548.26

COMPONENT PRICES

COMPUTATION OF UNIFORM PRICE

November					November
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>		<u> 2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Butterfat Price	\$1.4077 / lb	\$1.3852 / lb	Class III Price - 3.5% BF	\$19.22	\$12.84
Protein Price	4.3081 / lb	2.2383 / lb	Producer Price Differential*	1.86	0.29
Other Solids Price	0.2461 / lb	0.2276 / lb	Statistical Uniform Price	\$21.08	\$13.13
Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate	0.00098 / cwt	0.00066 / cwt			
Nonfat Solids Price	1.7812 / lb	0.8353 / lb			

CLASS PRICES

CLASSIFICATION OF PRODUCER MILK

November				November		
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>		<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	
Class I*	\$23.45	\$14.40		Product lbs.	Product lbs.	
Class II	22.07	11.98	Class I	571,301,407	572,818,594	
Class III	19.22	12.84	Class II	137,560,244	248,910,132	
Class IV	20.40	12.11	Class III	491,766,660	426,600,193	
			Class IV	60,583,986	59,010,016	
* Subject to Location Adjustme	ent.		Total	1,261,212,297	1,307,338,935	

ORDER 33 MARKET SUMMARY

The Producer Price Differential for the Mideast Marketing Area for November 2007 was \$1.86 and the Statistical Uniform Price was \$21.08 for the month. The Statistical Uniform Price is \$0.05 lower than last month, and is \$7.95 higher than November 2006.

The Producer Butterfat Price of \$1.4077 per pound decreased 0.15 cents from October 2007 and is up 2.25 cents from a year ago. The Protein Price of \$4.3081 is up 13.86 cents from last month and is up 2.0698 dollars from November 2006. The Other Solids Price in November was \$0.2461 per pound, an increase from last month's price of \$0.2286 and an increase of 1.85 cents from last November. The Somatic Cell Adjustment rate for November was \$0.00098.

November producer receipts of 1.26 billion pounds were 1.2 percent lower than October 2007 and 3.5 percent lower than November 2006 production of 1.31 billion pounds. Producer milk allocated to Class I accounted for 45.3 percent of the total producer milk in November 2007, less than the 45.6 percent in October 2007 and more than the 43.8 percent in November 2006. A total of 7,988 producers were pooled on the Mideast Order compared to 7,984 producers pooled in November 2006.

The market average content of producer milk was as follows: Butterfat 3.82%; Protein 3.16%; Other Solids 5.70% and Nonfat Solids 8.86%.

October Milk Production Up 4.1 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from October 2006. September revised production at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 3.1 percent from September 2006. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,699 pounds for October, 47 pounds above October 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.35 million head, 98,000 head more than October 2006, and 13,000 head more than September 2007.

The Mideast Marketing Area has four states represented in the 23 major states used above. They are Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Milk production in these Mideast states during October totaled 2.2 billion pounds, up 67 million pounds or 3.1 percent from October 2006. Production per cow in the Mideast states averaged 1,655 pounds for October, 25 pounds above October 2006. The number of cows on farms in the Mideast states was 1.3 million head, 23,000 head more than October 2006.

Release Dates for 2008 Federal Milk Order Price Data

Listed below are the release dates for the Federal milk order program for price data applicable to January through December 2008. The advanced prices and pricing factors will be released at 10:00 a.m. EST/EDST no later than the 23rd of the preceding month if that date is on a Friday; otherwise, the release date will be the nearest Friday before the 23rd. Likewise, the class and component prices will be released at 10:00 a.m. EST/EDST no later than the 5th of the following month if that date is on a Friday; otherwise the release date will be the nearest Friday before the 5th. As noted below, the release time and release dates may differ from this schedule due to the timing of some holidays. Due to the 4th of July holiday, the release date and time for the June Class and Component Prices is Thursday, July 3 at 2:00 p.m. EDST. The release time for the December Class and Component Prices on Friday, January 2, 2009, is 2:00 p.m. EST due to a holiday on the preceding day.

	Advanced Pri	ices and Pricing	Class and Component		
Month to Which	Fa	ctors	Prices		
Prices Apply	D-1 D-4-	Time Period of	Dalassa Data	Time Period of NASS	
	Release Date	NASS Prices <u>1</u> /	Release Date	Prices <u>1</u> /	
January	Dec. 21, 2007	12/8, 15	Feb. 1, 2008	1/5, 12, 19, 26	
February	Jan. 18, 2008	1/5, 12	Feb. 29	2/2, 9, 16, 23	
March	Feb. 22	2/9, 16	Apr. 4	3/1, 8, 15, 22, 29	
April	Mar. 21	3/8, 15	May 2	4/5, 12, 19, 26	
May	Apr. 18	4/5, 12	May 30	5/3, 10, 17, 24	
June	May 23	5/10, 17	Jul. 3	5/31, 6/7, 14, 21, 28	
July	Jun. 20	6/7, 14	Aug. 1	7/5, 12, 19, 26	
August	Jul. 18	7/5, 12	Sep. 5	8/2, 9, 16, 23, 30	
September	Aug. 22	8/9, 16	Oct. 3	9/6, 13, 20, 27	
October	Sept. 19	9/6, 13	Oct. 31	10/4, 11, 18, 25	
November	Oct. 17	10/4, 11	Dec. 5	11/1, 8, 15, 22, 29	
December	Nov. 21	11/8, 15	Jan. 2, 2009	12/6, 13, 20, 27	

^{1/} Weekly sales periods, ending on the indicated date, that are included in the applicable average. Information for the week usually is released by NASS on Friday of the following week.

		0	ctober 2007	7				Octob	er 2006		
Weighted Averages						Weighted Averages			ges		
	Number of	Pounds of			Other	SCC	Pounds of			Other	SCC
State	Producers	Milk (000)	Butterfat	Protein	Solids	(000)	Milk (000)	Butterfat	Protein	Solids	(000)
Michigan	1,983	502,587	3.63	3.08	5.71	258	498,034	3.73	3.12	5.72	260
Ohio	2,360	310,364	3.75	3.13	5.67	297	320,568	3.83	3.15	5.66	310
Wisconsin	823	137,649	3.74	3.04	5.73	272	80,032	3.80	3.10	5.77	232
Indiana	1,141	124,697	3.73	3.12	5.68	310	140,804	3.83	3.14	5.68	304
Pennsylvania	1,137	110,322	3.77	3.13	5.66	346	112,366	3.87	3.16	5.65	350
New York	314	61,642	3.67	3.09	5.74	237	177,041	3.70	3.06	5.71	246
West Virginia	64	5,549	3.99	3.28	5.66	314	5,382	3.99	3.31	5.65	395
Other	183	23,625	3.73	3.06	5.70	304	14,865	3.78	3.13	5.77	225
Total/Average	* 8.005	1,276,435	3.70	3.10	5.70	282	1,349,091	3.78	3.12	5.70	280



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FEDERAL ORDER DATA NOVEMBER 2007

		Produc	er Milk	Class I	Producer	Statistical
Mar	keting Area 1/	<u>Total</u>	Class I	Percent	Price Differential	<u>Uniform Price</u>
		(000)	(000)	%	(per cwt.)	(per cwt.)
FO 1	Northeast - (Boston)	1,932,680	902,271	46.7	\$3.09	\$22.31
FO 5	Appalachian - (Charlotte)	471,411	350,581	74.4	2/	23.75
FO 6	Florida - (Tampa)	249,743	216,964	86.9	2/	24.89
FO 7	Southeast - (Atlanta)	582,419	409,617	70.3	2/	23.46
FO 30	Upper Midwest - (Chicago)	2,302,736	386,695	16.8	0.64	19.86
FO 32	Central - (Kansas City)	1,008,580	381,382	37.8	1.57	20.79
FO 33	Mideast - (Cleveland)	1,261,212	571,301	45.3	1.86	21.08
FO 124	Pacific Northwest - (Seattle)	557,202	197,961	35.5	1.60	20.82
FO 126	Southwest - (Dallas)	923,182	354,510	38.4	2.36	21.58
FO 131	Arizona - (Phoenix)	308,360	121,080	39.3	2/	21.49

^{1/} Names in parentheses are principal points of markets.



²/ Producers in these markets are paid on the basis of a uniform skim and butterfat price.