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DAIRY PROGRAM

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS AND COMPONENT PRICES** <sup>1/</sup>

**FEBRUARY 2026**

	<u>Differential Rate</u> <i>(per cwt.)</i>	<u>Skim Milk</u> <i>(per cwt.)</i>	<u>Butterfat</u> <i>(per lb.)</i>	<u>3.5% BF</u> <i>(per cwt.)</i>
<b>Class I</b>	\$ 3.80	\$ 13.79	\$ 1.4826	\$ 18.50
Processor Assessment <sup>2/</sup>		<u>0.20</u>	<u>0.0020</u>	<u>0.20</u>
Total		\$ 13.99	\$ 1.4846	\$ 18.70
Class I ESL Adjustment <sup>3/</sup>		\$ 0.57		

	<u>Skim Milk</u> <i>(per cwt.)</i>	<u>Nonfat Solids</u> <i>(per lb.)</i>	<u>Butterfat</u> <i>(per lb.)</i>	<u>3.5% BF</u> <i>(per cwt.)</i>
<b>Class II</b>	\$ 9.42	\$ 1.0129	\$ 1.7864	\$ 15.34
<b>Class III</b>	\$ 9.03		\$ 1.7794	\$ 14.94
<b>Class IV</b>	\$ 10.43		\$ 1.7794	\$ 16.29

**COMPONENT PRICES**

Butterfat Price.....	\$ 1.7794	/lb.
Protein Price.....	1.9373	/lb.
Other Solids Price .....	0.4391	/lb.
Nonfat Solids Price.....	1.1220	/lb.
Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate.....	0.00072	/cwt.

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**NATIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICE AVERAGES**

Weeks ending 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28

Cheese 4/ .....	\$ 1.4338	/lb.
Butter.....	1.6966	/lb.
Nonfat Dry Milk.....	1.3726	/lb.
Dry Whey.....	0.6931	/lb.

**MINIMUM PARTIAL PAYMENT PRICE FOR MARCH 2026.....** \$ 14.94 /cwt.

**ESTIMATED UTILIZATION PERCENTAGES**

Pursuant to Section 1033.45(a) to be used for allocating other order receipts not requested Class IV.

	<u>Skim</u>	<u>Butterfat</u>
Class I	33	17
Class II, III & IV	67	83

<sup>1/</sup> See Price Formulas by going to <https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/dymclassprices.pdf>

<sup>2/</sup> The 20-cent per hundredweight processor assessment is an obligation under the Fluid Milk Promotion Order (7CFR§1160.101 et seq.) imposed on any person who processes and markets commercially more than 3 million pounds of packaged fluid milk products on a monthly basis. Deliveries to consumer residences are excluded. Effective February 29, 2016, processors of certified "organic" and "100 percent organic" fluid milk products may apply for an organic assessment exemption for those products.

<sup>3/</sup> The Class I extended shelf life (ESL) adjustment for all ESL products is equal to the average of the advanced Class III and Class IV skim pricing factors plus a 24-month rolling average adjuster less the higher of the advanced Class III and Class IV skim pricing factors. For more information, see 7 C.F.R §1000.50(r).

<sup>4/</sup> Pursuant to 90 FR 6600, effective June 1, 2025 DPMRP will rely solely on the 40-pound block cheddar cheese price to determine the monthly average cheese price used in the class and component pricing formulas.