

**NATIONAL DAIRY MARKET AT A GLANCE****CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE CASH MARKETS (05/05):**

**BUTTER:** Grade AA closed at \$1.2375. The weekly average for Grade AA is \$1.1658 (+.0825).

**CHEESE:** Barrels closed at \$1.1000 and blocks at \$1.1000. The weekly average for barrels is \$1.1000 (N.C.) and blocks, \$1.0925(-.0080).

**NONFAT DRY MILK:** Extra Grade and Grade A closed at \$1.0300. The weekly average for Extra Grade is \$1.0300 (N.C.) and Grade A, \$1.0300 (N.C.).

**BUTTER:** Butter markets are unsettled, but remain firm. Producers and handlers are quite surprised at the strength in the cash price for this time of the year, especially when current supply and demand are in relatively good balance. Ice cream production is now on the increase which is limiting cream volumes to local churns in many parts of the country. Butter stocks are sufficient to meet current needs with many producers holding onto additional butter supplies for use later this summer and fall. Current buying interest is quite strong following the recent holiday.

**CHEESE:** The cheese market is unsettled with prices mixed. Prices are adjusting around the CCC purchase price with process and block cheese clearing to the government. During the week of May 1 - 5, CCC purchased 1,006,103 pounds of Midwestern cheese under the price support program. Cheese production across the country is seasonally active as milk volumes are heavy to local manufacturing plants. Cheese demand is seasonally steady with supplies more available than demand is clearing. On April 28, CCC announced the additional purchase of between 6,007,680 pounds and 16,692,480 pounds of mozzarella under its annual purchase program.

**FLUID MILK:** Milk production across the country continues to follow trends of past weeks. In the Deep South and Southwest, temperatures are now warm enough to now start impacting overall milk output. In Florida, New Mexico, and Arizona, milk receipts are indicating that the seasonal peak is now past. Plants in these areas of the country are running at or near full. Elsewhere in the country, temperatures are also on the increase, but are not negatively affecting milk output at this time. Milk volumes are heavy and manufacturing plants are running at or very near capacity. Some milk is moving from one area to another to locate manufacturing capacity. Ice cream production is on the increase in most areas of the country, thus limiting cream available to butter operations. Along with tightening cream supplies are higher cream multiples.

**DRY PRODUCTS:** For the most part, dry dairy product markets and prices are unchanged. Part of the market inactivity is being attributed to an industry meeting this week. Nonfat dry milk markets remain weak. Buttermilk powder markets are firm, although prices are unchanged. In many parts of the country,

production schedules are steady to lighter as cream supplies tightened and butter production eased. Whey markets are generally steady. Production levels are moderate to heavy as cheese output is nearing capacity levels in many areas of the country.

**CCC:** During the week of May 1 - 5, CCC purchases totaled 15,893,690 pounds of nonfortified NDM. From this total, 13,904,858 pounds were purchased from the West, 1,988,832 pounds from the Midwest, and none from the East. CCC also purchased 673,200 pounds of process cheese and 332,909 pounds of blocks from the Midwest.

**CLASS AND COMPONENT PRICES (DAIRY PROGRAMS):** The following are the April 2000 final prices under the federal milk order pricing system: Class II \$12.10 (up \$.39 from March); Class III \$9.41 (down \$.13); and Class IV \$11.38 (up \$.38). Product price averages used in computing Class prices are: butter \$1.0449, NDM \$1.0078, cheese \$1.1011, and dry whey \$.1765. The Class II butterfat price is \$1.1422 and the Class III/IV butterfat price is \$1.1352. Further information may be found at: [www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/fmor\\_announce.htm](http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/fmor_announce.htm)

**DAIRY SITUATION AND OUTLOOK (ERS):** Dairy product consumption soared last year, despite the high and volatile prices of 1998-99. Per capita consumption was 598 pounds, milk equivalent, milkfat basis, the largest since the mid-sixties and up 16 pounds (2.7%) from a year earlier. Consumption also was strong on a skim solids basis, but neither the level nor the increase was as robust as on a milkfat basis. Per person cheese use jumped 1.5 pounds last year to almost 30 pounds, the largest absolute increase ever and the largest percentage rise since 1982. Strong demand for away-from-home eating played a role, as did general consumer indulgence. Use of American varieties, up a very strong 0.9 pounds, provided the largest share of the consumption increase. Per person consumption of butter in 1999 rose 0.3 pounds to 4.8 pounds.

**APRIL AGRICULTURAL PRICES HIGHLIGHTS (NASS):** The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates in April 2000 was unchanged at 119. Compared with April 1999, the index was up 4 points (3.5%). The index of prices received by farmers for dairy products was unchanged during the month of April 2000 at 91. Compared with April 1999, the index was down 5 points (5.2%). On a 3.5% butterfat basis, prices received by farmers in April with changes from March were: for All Milk, \$11.90 per cwt., unchanged; for Fluid Grade Milk, \$12.00, unchanged; and for Manufacturing Grade Milk, \$10.00, down 10 cents.

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**CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE  
CASH TRADING**

CHEESE: carload = 40,000-44,000 lbs., NONFAT DRY MILK: carlot = 42,000-45,000 lbs., BUTTER: carlot = 40,000-43,000 lbs.

PRODUCT	MONDAY MAY 1	TUESDAY MAY 2	WEDNESDAY MAY 3	THURSDAY MAY 4	FRIDAY MAY 5	WEEKLY CHANGE*	WEEKLY AVERAGE#
CHEESE BARRELS	\$1.1000 (N.C.)	\$1.1000 (N.C.)	\$1.1000 (N.C.)	\$1.1000 (N.C.)	\$1.1000 (N.C.)	N.C.	\$1.1000 (N.C.)
40# BLOCKS	\$1.0925 (-.0050)	\$1.0900 (-.0025)	\$1.0900 (N.C.)	\$1.0900 (N.C.)	\$1.1000 (+.0100)	+.0025	\$1.0925 (-.0080)
NONFAT DRY MILK EXTRA GRADE	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	N.C.	\$1.0300 (N.C.)
GRADE A	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	N.C.	\$1.0300 (N.C.)
BUTTER GRADE AA	\$1.1300 (+.0200)	----	\$1.1300 (N.C.)	----	\$1.2375 (+.1075)	+.1275	\$1.1658 (+.0825)

\*Sum of daily changes. # Weekly averages are simple averages of the daily closing prices for the calendar week. Computed by Dairy Market News for informational purposes. This data is available on the Internet at [WWW.AMS.USDA.GOV/MARKETNEWS.HTM](http://WWW.AMS.USDA.GOV/MARKETNEWS.HTM)

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2000

CHEESE -- SALES: 1 CAR 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.0925; BIDS UNFILLED: 1 CAR BARRELS @ \$1.0625; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 5 CARS 40# BLOCKS: 1 @ \$1.0950, 1 @ \$1.0975, 1 @ \$1.1000, 1 @ \$1.1100, 1 @ \$1.1200  
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: NONE  
 BUTTER -- SALES: 4 CARS GRADE AA: 2 @ \$1.1300, 1 @ \$1.1275, 1 @ \$1.1300; BIDS UNFILLED: 6 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$1.1200, 1 @ \$1.1100, 1 @ \$1.1050, 2 @ \$1.1000, 1 @ \$1.0600; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 2 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$1.1500, 1 @ \$1.2000

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2000

CHEESE -- SALES: 3 CARS 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.0900; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 6 CARS 40# BLOCKS: 1 @ \$1.0900, 2 @ \$1.0925, 1 @ \$1.1000, 1 @ \$1.1100, 1 @ \$1.1200  
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: NONE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2000

CHEESE -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 1 CAR 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.1000  
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: NONE  
 BUTTER -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: 4 CARS GRADE AA: 2 @ \$1.1300, 1 @ \$1.1250, 1 @ \$1.1200; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 9 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$1.1700, 2 @ \$1.1800, 1 @ \$1.1900, 5 @ \$1.2000

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2000

CHEESE -- SALES: 1 CAR 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.0900; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 1 CAR 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.1000  
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: NONE

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2000

CHEESE -- SALES: 1 CAR BARRELS @ \$1.1000; 1 CAR 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.1000; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 1 CAR 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.1100  
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: NONE  
 BUTTER -- SALES: 16 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$1.2100, 2 @ \$1.2150, 1 @ \$1.2175, 1 @ \$1.2200, 1 @ \$1.2225, 2 @ \$1.2250, 1 @ \$1.2275, 2 @ \$1.2300, 2 @ \$1.2325, 1 @ \$1.2350, 1 @ \$1.2400, 1 @ \$1.2375; BIDS UNFILLED: 15 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$1.2000, 1 @ \$1.1925, 2 @ \$1.1800, 2 @ \$1.1700, 1 @ \$1.1675, 1 @ \$1.1525, 1 @ \$1.1450, 1 @ \$1.1425, 1 @ \$1.1350, 1 @ \$1.1325, 2 @ \$1.1300, 1 @ \$1.1250; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 4 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$1.2375, 1 @ \$1.2400, 1 @ \$1.2475, 1 @ \$1.2500

BUTTER MARKETS

NORTHEAST

Since April 24, butter prices have moved steadily higher at the CME. The market tone is unsettled. Contacts are amazed at the climb of butter prices at this time of year. Of course milk pricing issues many have something to do with the gains, but current supply and demand does not translate into sharply higher prices. Many contacts are attending the ADPI meetings in Chicago and are unavailable for comment. Stocks of bulk and print butter are more than adequate to meet the slow to fair demand. Retail and food service orders are steady. Bulk butter sales remain in the range of 3-5 cents over the CME price/average.

CENTRAL

Butter markets remain firm following cash trading at the CME. Recent firmness in butter prices has some cream buyers scurrying for available volumes. Ice cream production has now increased quite substantially in comparison to just a few weeks ago. This increase in ice cream production has limited cream availability to some local butter operations. Cream multiples are also higher. For the most part, churning activity is seasonally active, although many butter producers still have plant capacity. Stocks of bulk and print butter are reported to be sufficient to meet current and near term needs. Many producers would like to generate additional volumes of butter and enhance their butter inventories.

Current buying interest is holding quite strong. Butter producers and handlers are quite surprised at the continued good call for butter.

WEST

Demand for print butter remains relatively good even following the recent Easter holiday period. Reorders are coming in at good levels indicating that sales were really quite good. Food service interest is picking up in part due to the fast approaching summer holiday season. Bulk is also moving well enough that stock levels at producing plants are not a concern. There are indications that buyers are still looking to inventory butter for fall needs. Some contacts are surprised at the price strength in butter at this time of year. They are becoming more curious what this will mean for fall prices. Ice cream operations are taking more cream as warmer temperatures cover much of the Western region. This fact is serving to limit churning activity at some locations. Cream is also leaving the region and being shipped to other regions of the country. CME weekly butter inventories increased by 1.23 million pounds to stand at 70.5 million pounds. This figure trails the same week in 1999 by 8.0%. Current prices for bulk butter range from 4 cents under to flat market based on the CME with various time frames and averages involved.

NASS DAIRY PRODUCT PRICES  
 U.S. AVERAGE AND TOTAL POUNDS

WEEK ENDING	CHEESE		NDM	BUTTER	DRY WHEY
	40# BLOCKS	BARRELS 39% MOISTURE			
APRIL 29	1.0977 6,863,951	1.0641 10,574,407	1.0062 22,239,432	1.0332 4,070,416	0.1779 6,256,532

Further data and revisions may be found on the internet at: <http://jan.mannlib.cornell.edu/reports/nassr/price/dairy>

**CHEESE MARKETS**

**NORTHEAST**

Prices are mostly higher. The market tone is unsettled with prices at the CME moving higher and lower for 40# blocks last week. Eastern cheese production is heavy and most plants are operating daily. Surplus milk volumes are often heavy and increasing as we near the seasonal peak for milk output. Demand for cheese is about steady. As some colleges and universities start to recess, cheese consumption (usually mozzarella) slows in those locales. Retail and food service orders are steady at just fair levels.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: DELIVERED,  
DOLLARS PER POUND (1000 - 5000 POUNDS MIXED LOTS)

Cheddar 10# Prints	:	1.1150-1.6050
Cheddar Single Daisies	:	1.0950-1.5550
Cheddar 40# Block	:	1.2400-1.4175
Process 5# Loaf	:	1.3200-1.4425
Process 5# Sliced	:	1.3400-1.5875
Muenster	:	1.2975-1.6000
Grade A Swiss Cuts 10 - 14#	:	2.3500-2.5500

**MIDWEST**

The cheese market is unsettled to weak. Cash cheese prices at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange continue to bounce around in a trading range near CCC purchase prices. As occurs infrequently, the cash CME barrel price is again above the block price. Cheese continues to clear to CCC from Midwestern producers under the price support program. Current commercial movement is fairly steady, though with some improvement noted in process items. Food service outlets are preparing for the summer travel and tourist season. Swiss prices are generally steady and sales are moderate. Some product continues to move into storage for potential use later in the year. Cheese production remains heavy. Cheese yields are slipping seasonally.

WISCONSIN WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: DELIVERED,  
DOLLARS PER POUND (1000 - 5000 POUNDS MIXED LOTS)

Process American 5# Loaf	:	1.2800-1.4500
Brick And/Or Muenster 5#	:	1.4200-1.6600
Cheddar 40# Block	:	1.4000-2.1150
Monterey Jack 10#	:	1.5800-2.1150
Blue 5#	:	1.7950-2.0000
Mozzarella 5 - 6# (Low Moisture, Part Skim)	:	1.4600-2.2150
Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	:	2.0000-2.6850

**MIDWEST COMMODITY CHEDDAR**

Dollars per pound, standard moisture basis (37.8-39.0%),  
carlot/trucklot, F.O.B. plants or storage centers.

CHEDDAR STYLES	:	MAY 1 - 5, 2000
BARRELS*	:	\$1.0800 - 1.1150 (NOMINAL)
	:	(.0300) (.0050)
40# BLOCKS	:	\$1.0800 - 1.1200 (NOMINAL)
	:	(-.0075) (-.0050)

( ) Change from previous week. \* If steel, barrel returned.

**WEST**

Process cheese prices showed a sharp increase following the average price at the CME last week. This increase is expected to be short lived and does not seem to be an indication that there is any real long lasting price strength for process items. Process sales activity is seasonally good at this point in time as demand increases. Natural items showed only some fractional price increases. Sales activity is rated as fair for current blocks. Some manufacturing operations have more blocks on hand than desired. Cheese production is running ahead of projections at many operations. Plant capacity increases are taking place that should make it possible to process all spring offerings.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: DELIVERED, DOLLARS PER POUND  
(1000 - 5000 POUNDS MIXED LOTS)

Process 5# Loaf	:	1.2525-1.5125
Cheddar 40# Block	:	1.2225-1.3625
Cheddar 10# Cuts	:	1.4025-1.6225
Monterey Jack 10#	:	1.4125-1.5725
Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	:	2.1500-2.4000

**FOREIGN**

Prices are steady to fractionally higher on domestic varieties. The market tone is steady. Supplies of most types and styles are adequate to cover current needs. Demand is mostly for replacement volumes.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: FOB DISTRIBUTORS DOCK  
DOLLARS PER POUND (1000 - 5000 POUNDS, MIXED LOTS)

	:	NEW YORK	
VARIETY	:	IMPORTED	DOMESTIC
Roquefort	:	TFEWR	-0-
Blue	:	2.6400-3.1400	1.4400-2.9350*
Gorgonzola	:	3.2400-5.9400	1.9950-2.4900*
Parmesan (Italy)	:	TFEWR	2.8550-3.3700*
Romano (Italy)	:	2.1000-2.5400	-0-
Provolone (Italy)	:	3.4400-5.5000	1.4550-1.7350*
Romano (Cows Milk)	:	-0-	2.6200-4.8050*
Sardo Romano (Argentine)	:	2.6500-3.2900	-0-
Reggianito (Argentine)	:	2.6500-3.2900	-0-
Jarlsberg-(Brand)	:	2.7400-3.3100	-0-
Swiss Cuts Switzerland	:	-0-	2.3500-2.5500
Swiss Cuts Finnish	:	2.5900-2.8500	-0-
Swiss Cuts Austrian	:	2.2500-2.7500	-0-
Edam	:		
2 Pound	:	TFEWR	-0-
4 Pound	:	2.1900-3.0900	-0-
Gouda, Large	:	2.3900-3.1500	-0-
Gouda, Baby (\$/Dozen)	:		
10 Ounce	:	27.8000-31.7000	-0-

\*=Price change.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS  
IN THOUSAND POUNDS - INCLUDING GOVERNMENT STOCKS**

	BUTTER	:	CHEESE
05/01/00	24,626	:	130,143
04/01/00	25,667	:	126,431
CHANGE	-1,041	:	+3,712
% CHANGE	-4	:	+3

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage report of March 31, 2000 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings as of May 1, 200 are:

Butter 93 million pounds plus or minus 0.88 percent  
Cheese 546 million pounds plus or minus 3.17 percent

FLUID MILK AND CREAM

E A S T

Milk production is steady to slightly higher in the Northeast; steady to lower in the Southeast. Temperatures are increasing to more seasonal levels in the Deep South and milk output is starting to be affected. Temperatures in the high 80's are common from Florida to Texas. This week, Florida handlers expect to ship 143 loads out of state for processing. This compares to 134 loads last week and 80-85 loads during the same week last year. In other areas of the Southeast the milk flow is about steady, but temperatures are becoming more summer-like in the Midsouth and Middle Atlantic areas. In the Northeast, milk output is steady to heavier as we near the seasonal peak which usually occurs in May or early June. Bottled milk sales are slow to fair. Some scattered retail features did give sales a boost, but overall sales were reported fair. Manufacturing plants in the Southeast are not quite as busy as they have been, but still many are operating daily. Further north, plant operations are about steady. The condensed skim market is little changed this week. Demand is steady and any spot needs are easily covered. However, in a few instances, Class II condensed skim prices are above the price of NDM and users are again looking to NDM for some of their spot needs for solids. The fluid cream market is firmer. Contacts report tighter supplies and rising prices. Demand is improved from ice cream and cream cheese makers. Spot prices are generally higher as last week's average butter price at the CME increased nearly six cents. Also, with a tightening of supply, multiples have moved upward. Some cream cheese producers took more spot loads this week. Some cream suppliers think that cream cheese is being inventoried ahead of summer needs when butter/cream prices may be higher. With the warmer weather, ice cream sales have improved, particularly soft serve, and producers are looking for some additional cream. Cream bottlers are still quite active. Churning activity is steady to lighter.

FLUID CREAM AND CONDENSED SKIM PRICES IN TANKLOT QUANTITIES

SPOT PRICES OF CLASS II CREAM, \$ PER LB BUTTERFAT		
F.O.B. PRODUCING PLANTS: NORTHEAST	-	1.3541-1.5000
DELIVERED EQUIVALENT ATLANTA	-	1.3433-1.5166 M 1.4300-1.4562
F.O.B. PRODUCING PLANTS: UPPER MIDWEST	-	1.3758-1.4841
PRICES OF CONDENSED SKIM, \$ PER LB WET SOLIDS		
F.O.B. PRODUCING PLANTS:		
NORTHEAST- CLASS II - INCLUDES MONTHLY FORMULA PRICES	-	.9900-1.1050
NORTHEAST- CLASS III - SPOT PRICES	-	.8700-1.0000

M I D W E S T

WISCONSIN SPOT SHIPMENTS:	LOADS
APRIL 28 - MAY 04, 2000	0
PREVIOUS WEEK	0
COMPARABLE WEEK IN 1999	0

Milk production in the Midwestern part of the country continues to increase seasonally. Production growth started earlier this year and is building more gradually than usual for this time of the season. Temperatures have warmed during the week, but remain cool at night, thus basically ideal for strong milk output. Lack of moisture in most of the Midwest continues to concern dairy producers. Field work is progressing well, although producers indicate that if they do not get additional moisture, germination and good early growth will be questionable. For the most part, milk volumes are sufficient to maintain steady bottling and manufacturing schedules. Class I demand has stabilized following the Easter holiday and will remain steady until schools start to recess for the summer at the end of the month. A few loads of milk cleared to manufacturing at prices ranging from \$.75 - 1.00

over class delivered. At this point, most milk handlers do not foresee problems with milk volumes during the upcoming peak period. Some indicate that there may be tightness for a short period, but overall manufacturing capacity should be adequate. Cream markets are steady to firm. Cream supplies have tightened now that ice cream production has increased. Recent cash CME price increases on butter have firmed prices along with higher cream multiples.

WISCONSIN LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS (PER CWT.)

	APR 27 - MAY 02	PREVIOUS YEAR
SLAUGHTER COWS	\$ 41.00- 47.00	\$ 34.00- 43.00
REPLACEMENT HEIFER CALVES	\$300.00-380.00	\$195.00-265.00

SOUTH ST. PAUL TERMINAL AUCTION MARKET (PER CWT.)

	APR 27 - MAY 02	PREVIOUS YEAR
SLAUGHTER COWS	\$ 37.00- 49.50	\$ 32.00- 43.50

W E S T

The April 4a price (butter/powder) in California is \$11.39, up 34 cents from March and 15 cents more than last year. The April 4b (cheese) is \$9.27, down 7 cents from March and \$2.21 lower than last year. Weather conditions remain good across most of California. Temperatures are moderate during the day and cool at night. Rains are null to minimal. Conditions for cows are near ideal for production. New feed is available along with feedstuffs from last year. Conditions are good for new crop alfalfa and hay with second cuttings beginning in the Central Valley. In the north, pasture conditions are good and grass growth is progressing well. Production plants in the state are able to handle local volumes of milk and also milk is being shipped in from surrounding areas to help with processing. Cream demand has improved from the holiday early last week. Overages are being increased. Usage is increasing for ice cream producers. Arizona production is level to lower. Higher temperatures are beginning and expected to impact milk and solid's levels in the near future. Milk is generally being handled locally, but components are being shipped to maximize returns. New Mexico production is steady to declining at levels off the seasonal peak. Plants are typically running at or near full in the state. Problems at a neighboring production plant caused some milk logistics difficulties with a only a limited amount of milk having to be dumped. Contingencies were worked out. Higher temperatures are beginning to develop seasonally and declines in milk volumes are noted. Milk production in the Pacific Northwest remains strong. Rains west of the mountains are keeping pastures in very good shape for grazing. Milk output continues to increase seasonally. Plant capacity issues seem to be minimal at this time. Hay harvesting east of the mountains is just starting up. Quality and yields look excellent. Weather patterns in the near term will make getting up good quality dry hay a problem. Carry over stocks are light and exporters are lining up to try and acquire some first cutting to move overseas. These factors indicate the possibility of higher prices. Culling rates remain light and Western prices are not conducive to additional culling at this time. Conditions are dry over much of Utah and Idaho. Enough moisture was available to get small grains sprouted, but growth is now slow. Hay growers are beginning to water some of their fields. Watering now is about a month earlier than normal. Early reports did indicate sufficient water for a normal crop year. Milk output continues to be strong in the region. Demand for heifers is pushing prices higher as producers strive to fill expanded facilities as fast as possible.

**CENTRAL AND WEST DRY MILK PRODUCTS**

All reports, except California manufacturing plants, were released 05/04/00 and represent FOB Central and Western production areas. Prices represent CL/TL quantities in 50 lb., 100 lb., or 25 kg. bags, spray process, dollars per pound.

**NONFAT DRY MILK - CENTRAL**

Prices are unchanged on a weak market. Seasonally heavy milk volumes encourage capacity production levels at most plants. Some manufacturers are finding it very difficult to produce high heat beyond regular commitments. Some plants that hold an option in increasing high heat supplies are considering on doing so in anticipation of higher prices. Low heat supplies continue to clear heavily into government programs. Spot sales are very light, especially with this week's ADPI conference. Inventories are in balance to long and building. Mostly prices for report 18 in 1999 were 1.0100 - 1.0150.

Includes EXTRA GRADE and GRADE A, low and medium heat

NONFAT DRY MILK: .9900 - 1.0100 MOSTLY: 1.0000 - 1.0100

**DRY BUTTERMILK - CENTRAL**

Prices are unchanged and the market continues to trend firm. Lack of interest due to the ADPI conference and tight inventories kept trading light. Production is unchanged to slightly lower as condensed movement increases with good ice cream production. Available condensed supplies are unchanged to lower due to the seasonal interest. Bakery and seasoning demand continues steady on dry buttermilk. The price spread between the regions is an issue with traders. Assuming product would be available, many traders fail to see the advantage in buying Central region product given the lower price advantages in the East and West. Prices for report 18 in 1999 were .6800 - .7400.

BUTTERMILK: .7750 - .8400

**DRY WHEY - CENTRAL**

Prices are unchanged on a steady market. Plants previously closed for maintenance and upgrades are again operational and producing consistent quantities of product. Supplies are unchanged to higher although generally in balance for the slow to fair demand. Some talk of increased export opportunities is causing producers to view the market more optimistically. Buyers continue to purchase on an as needed basis with anticipated increases in cheese production due to milk volume increases as the school year ends. Mostly prices for report 18 in 1999 were .1700 - .1775.

NONHYGROSCOPIC: .1600 - .1850 MOSTLY: .1700 - .1800

**ANIMAL FEED WHEY - CENTRAL**

Prices are unchanged on a steady market. Trading is very light due to industry attendance at ADPI. Most product is clearing well on regular commitments. Offerings are adequate with some aged milk replacer product reportedly available. Spot delactose movement is generally good due to the lack of WPC into food and feed facilities. Hog and veal markets are trending weak as grain prices move higher. Respective prices on milk replacer, roller ground and delactose for report 18 in 1999 were .1200 - .1675, .1700 - .1900 and .2600 - .3250.

MILK REPLACER: .1300 - .1600

ROLLER GROUND: .1600 - .1800

DELACTOSE (Min. 20% protein): .3175 - .3375

**LACTOSE - CENTRAL AND WEST**

Prices are unchanged on a market that continues to hold weaker undertones. Trading is too light to indicate a price change with most movement occurring on regular shipments. Some price resistance is being noted on domestic and export markets. Ample off grade supplies are deterring feed buyer interest in Extra Grade. Lower freight rates and product offerings from the EU are challenging US producers in Asia. Production is generally unchanged and supplies remain mixed. Some producers are short on product and running behind on regular commitments. Others are running long and finding product difficult to move. Mostly prices for report 18 in 1999 were .1600 - .1700.

Including spot sales and up to 3 month contracts. Mesh size 30 - 100.

EDIBLE: .1800 - .2550 MOSTLY: .1950 - .2050

**WHEY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE - CENTRAL AND WEST**

Prices are unchanged to higher on a firm market. Production problems persist at some plants with producers beginning to discuss contract re-negotiations. Many plants are behind on orders, encouraging discussions at the ADPI conference. Because supplies are extremely tight, spot trading is minimal. Some buyers are speculating that prices will not move much higher, leaving a better option to buy in the future. Producers are not anticipating any market weakness during the near term and are hesitant to estimate where the price might settle. Some off grade product is available and clearing well at prices just below the average. Mostly prices for report 18 during 1999 were .4500 - .4700.

EXTRA GRADE 34% PROTEIN: .6025 - .6700 MOSTLY: .6125 - .6325

**NONFAT DRY MILK - WEST**

Both nonfat dry milk series are unchanged. Very little market conditions are changing to have any measurable impact on pricing and supply conditions. Production remains heavy in the region and milk supplies are at or just off of seasonal high levels. Few in the trade expect this market to change to any measurable extent in the near future. Stocks remain heavy and surpluses clear to the support program at a strong clip. The high heat market is fair to good from a demand standpoint and producers are beginning to have more time for drying. Orders are fair to occasionally good seasonally. During the week of April 24 - 28, CCC net purchases of nonfortified NDM totaled 18.5 million pounds, the largest weekly net since January 1988, of which 15.8 million pounds came from Western producers.

Includes EXTRA GRADE and GRADE A

LOW/MEDIUM HEAT: .9800 - 1.0150 MOSTLY: 1.0000 - 1.0100

HIGH HEAT: 1.0150 - 1.0400

**DRY BUTTERMILK - WEST**

Prices for buttermilk are generally steady in a very limited test. The market tone is firm. Part of the inactivity or lack of reports is an industry meeting this week. However, the trend in recent weeks is that production and offerings are declining. Some buying contacts commented that several producers were 2 - 3 weeks out on filling orders. Condensed offerings were in a tighter position this week. Dry buttermilk stocks are mostly light.

BUTTERMILK: .7000 - .7800 MOSTLY: .7000 - .7400

**DRY WHEY - WEST**

Little change was noted in Western whey markets this week. Domestic demand is generally being rated as fair. Export sales are more variable. Some contacts report being sold out for a few weeks, while others suggest that they are seeing less interest and movement. The Korean situation seems to be still up in the air. Whey production remains seasonally heavy. Inventories at some locations are larger than desired while others are reporting a comfortable situation.

NONHYGROSCOPIC: .1600 - .1900 MOSTLY: .1675 - .1750

**CALIFORNIA MANUFACTURING PLANTS - NONFAT DRY MILK**

WEEK ENDING	PRICE	POUNDS
April 28	\$1.0077	13,130,691
April 21	\$1.0079	12,495,939

Prices are weighted averages for Extra Grade and Grade A Nonfat Dry Milk, f.o.b. California manufacturing plants. Prices for both periods were influenced by effects of long-term contract sales. Compiled by Dairy Marketing Branch, California Department of Food and Agriculture.

**NORTHEAST, SOUTHEAST, AND NATIONAL MILK PRODUCTS**

All reports represent carlot/trucklot quantities in 50 lb., 100 lb., or 25 kg. bags, spray process, dollars per pound, unless otherwise specified. Delivered Southeast is delivered equivalent Atlanta.

**NONFAT DRY MILK - NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST**

Prices and the market tone are generally steady. Most of the region's contacts were attending this week's combined American Dairy Product Institute and American Butter Institute meetings in Chicago. Reports from that meeting generally indicate much conversation, but few new sales. Some new DEIP business supposedly developed, but that's an ongoing outlet as long as allocations have not been filled. Commercial, spot demand is slow to fair. Buyers are looking for the best prices. Sales to CCC from Eastern producers have all but stopped during the past few weeks, but contacts expect offers to increase in the not-too-distant future.

Includes EXTRA GRADE AND GRADE A

F.O.B. NORTHEAST:	
LOW/MEDIUM HEAT:	1.0000 - 1.0300 MOSTLY: 1.0000 - 1.0200
HIGH HEAT:	1.0400 - 1.0800 MOSTLY: 1.0400 - 1.0600
DELVD SOUTHEAST:	
ALL HEATS:	1.0300 - 1.1100

**DRY BUTTERMILK - NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST**

The market tone is generally steady this week. Prices are unchanged and largely nominal. Overall, market activity was slow as most contacts were attending the ADPI meetings in Chicago. Production levels are steady to lighter as cream supplies tightened and butter production eased. Also, the improving demand for condensed buttermilk is reducing the volumes to be dried. Spot demand for dry buttermilk is fair to good, but there is some price resistance occurring.

F.O.B. NORTHEAST:	.7400 - .7800
DELVD SOUTHEAST:	.7500 - .8000

**DRY WHOLE MILK - NATIONAL**

Prices and the market tone are unchanged. Production levels are mostly geared to filling orders. Current demand is fair at best. Most producer shipments are to meet contracts. New DEIP sales are occurring, but at a relatively slow pace. Since April 20, two bids, totaling 555 MT of dry whole milk, have been accepted under DEIP. These are the first acceptances since reallocations were announced late in March.

F.O.B. PRODUCING PLANT:	1.1375 - 1.2500
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**DEIP BID ACCEPTANCE SUMMARY**

JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH APRIL 28, 2000  
WITH CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS REPORT

NONFAT DRY MILK	--	90,915	MT (201,043,209 LBS)
CHANGE	--	2,157	MT (4,755,322 LBS)
WHOLE MILK POWDER	--	10,232	MT (22,557,467 LBS)
CHANGE	--	15	MT (33,069 LBS)
CHEESE	--	1,757	MT (3,873,482 LBS)
BUTTERFAT	--	5,263	MT (11,602,809 LBS)

Allocations for the DEIP year beginning July 1, 1999, are: Nonfat dry milk - 76,207 MT; Whole Milk Powder - 2,518 MT; Cheese - 3,190 MT; Butterfat - 25,475 MT. These DEIP allocations are in addition to balances still available from quantities announced on May 13, 1999; 25,177 MT of Nonfat Dry Milk (to be filled in roughly equal quarterly amounts during the GATT-year beginning July 1, 1999), 7,500 MT of dry whole milk, and 1,270 MT of cheese. March 31, 2000: USDA announced an that additional 8,232 MT of dry whole milk was made available under DEIP until June 30, 2000.

**DRY WHEY - NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST**

Prices and the market tone are steady. Many contacts were attending the ADPI meetings this week and market information was scarce. Production levels are moderate to heavy as cheese output in the Northeast is nearing capacity levels. Most cheese operations are running 6 or 7 days a week and we are entering the peak time for milk production. Dry whey stocks are generally tight with some plants sold out through May and into June. Domestic demand is slow to fair and export interest is slower than desired. A few new export sales have been noted. Animal feed, dry whey is readily available for the slow to fair spot demand.

F.O.B. NORTHEAST:	EXTRA GRADE	.1700 - .1850
	USPH GRADE A	.1850 - .1950
DELVD SOUTHEAST:		.1950 - .2200

**EVAPORATED MILK - NATIONAL**

Prices and the market tone are unchanged. Surplus milk volumes are increasing in the northern part of the country. This is helping keep the volumes available to evaporators constant. Production is moderate as producers replenish stocks while milk prices are still relatively low. Demand is slow to fair and mostly to fill contracts or for replacement volumes.

DOLLARS PER 48 - 12 FLUID OUNCE CANS PER CASE DELIVERED MAJOR U.S. CITIES	\$21.00 - 33.00
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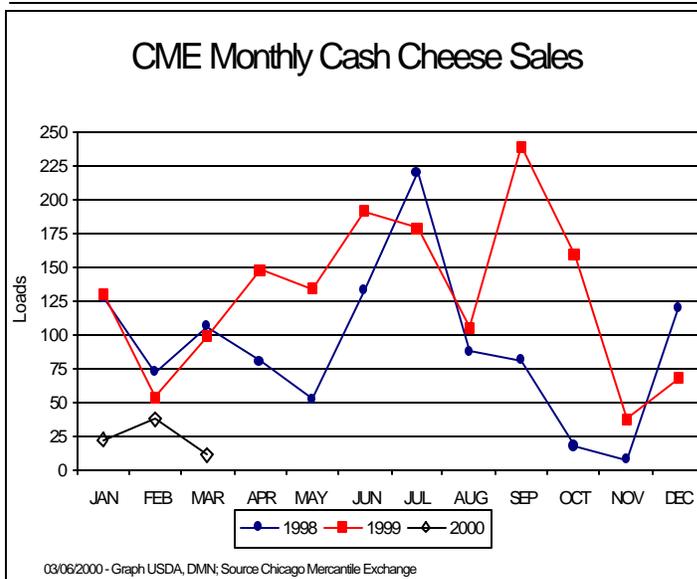
Excluding promotional and other sales allowances. Included new price announcements.

**CASEIN - NATIONAL**

Casein markets remain firm at unchanged prices. Limited supply is keeping prices firm. Domestic buyers are making ends meet, although existing stocks are being reduced to lower than desired levels. European production is now getting underway, but it will be at least months end before any of this new production potentially will arrive on U.S. shores. Shipments of casein from other world sources continue to arrive, although additional spot needs can not be filled.

SPOT SALES AND UP TO 3 MONTH CONTRACTS. PRICES ARE FOR EDIBLE NONRESTRICTED AND VARY ACCORDING TO MESH SIZE AND QUALITY.

RENNET:	2.0000 - 2.2000
ACID:	2.0500 - 2.2000



MONTHLY SUMMARY AND AVERAGES FOR APRIL 2000 1/ - (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, PRICES ARE DOLLARS PER POUND, CL/TL)

COMMODITY	REPORT NUMBER 14	REPORT NUMBER 15	REPORT NUMBER 16	REPORT NUMBER 17	2000	1999
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	APR 03 - 07	APR 10 - 14	APR 17 - 21	APR 24 - 28	or Total	or Total

CHEESE

MIDWEST COMMODITY CHEDDAR

-- Cheddar Barrel s	:: 1.0925 - 1.1275	:: 1.0725 - 1.0925	:: 1.0500 - 1.0850	:: 1.0500 - 1.1100	:: 1.0850	:: 1.2914
-- Cheddar 40# Blocks	:: 1.0925 - 1.1325	:: 1.0925 - 1.1200	:: 1.0850 - 1.1225	:: 1.0875 - 1.1250	:: 1.1072	:: 1.3363

WISCONSIN (WSP, Delivered, LTL)

-- Process American 5# Loaf	:: 1.2675 - 1.4500	:: 1.2625 - 1.4500	:: 1.2550 - 1.4500	:: 1.2500 - 1.4500	:: 1.3544	:: 1.5976
-- Brick And/Or Muenster 5#	:: 1.4200 - 1.6725	:: 1.4200 - 1.6700	:: 1.4200 - 1.6625	:: 1.4200 - 1.6575	:: 1.5428	:: 1.7586
-- Cheddar 40# Block	:: 1.4000 - 2.1150	:: 1.4000 - 2.1150	:: 1.4000 - 2.1150	:: 1.4000 - 2.1150	:: 1.7575	:: 1.8538
-- Monterey Jack 10#	:: 1.5800 - 2.1150	:: 1.5800 - 2.1150	:: 1.5800 - 2.1150	:: 1.5800 - 2.1150	:: 1.8475	:: 1.9488
-- Blue 5#	:: 1.8075 - 2.0000	:: 1.8050 - 2.0000	:: 1.7975 - 2.0000	:: 1.7925 - 2.0000	:: 1.9003	:: 2.0919
-- Mozzarella 5 - 6#	:: 1.4600 - 2.2150	:: 1.4600 - 2.2150	:: 1.4600 - 2.2150	:: 1.4600 - 2.2150	:: 1.8375	:: 1.9388
-- Grade A Swiss Outs 6 - 9#	:: 2.1000 - 2.6850	:: 2.1000 - 2.6850	:: 2.0000 - 2.6850	:: 2.0000 - 2.6850	:: 2.3675	:: 2.5602

NORTHEAST (WSP, Delivered, LTL)

-- Cheddar 10# Prints	:: 1.1275 - 1.6175	:: 1.1250 - 1.6150	:: 1.1175 - 1.6075	:: 1.1125 - 1.6025	:: 1.3656	:: 1.5738
-- Cheddar Single Dai sies	:: 1.1075 - 1.5675	:: 1.1050 - 1.5650	:: 1.0975 - 1.5575	:: 1.0925 - 1.5525	:: 1.3306	:: 1.5600
-- Cheddar 40# Block	:: 1.2525 - 1.4300	:: 1.2500 - 1.4275	:: 1.2425 - 1.4200	:: 1.2375 - 1.4150	:: 1.3344	:: 1.5450
-- Process 5# Loaf	:: 1.3075 - 1.4700	:: 1.3025 - 1.4650	:: 1.2950 - 1.4575	:: 1.2900 - 1.4125	:: 1.3750	:: 1.5588
-- Process 5# Sliced	:: 1.3275 - 1.5750	:: 1.3225 - 1.5700	:: 1.3150 - 1.5625	:: 1.3100 - 1.5575	:: 1.4425	:: 1.6188
-- Muenster	:: 1.3100 - 1.6125	:: 1.3075 - 1.6100	:: 1.3000 - 1.6025	:: 1.2950 - 1.5975	:: 1.4544	:: 1.6613
-- Grade A Swiss Outs 10 - 14#	:: 2.3500 - 2.5500	:: 2.3500 - 2.5500	:: 2.3500 - 2.5500	:: 2.3500 - 2.5500	:: 2.4500	:: 2.4500

WEST COAST (WSP, Delivered, LTL)

-- Process 5# Loaf	:: 1.2400 - 1.5000	:: 1.2350 - 1.4950	:: 1.2275 - 1.4875	:: 1.2225 - 1.4825	:: 1.3613	:: 1.5697
-- Cheddar 40# Block	:: 1.2350 - 1.3750	:: 1.2350 - 1.3750	:: 1.2250 - 1.3650	:: 1.2200 - 1.3600	:: 1.2988	:: 1.5225
-- Cheddar 10# Outs	:: 1.4150 - 1.6350	:: 1.4150 - 1.6350	:: 1.4050 - 1.6250	:: 1.4000 - 1.6200	:: 1.5188	:: 1.7475
-- Monterey Jack 10#	:: 1.4250 - 1.5850	:: 1.4250 - 1.5850	:: 1.4150 - 1.5750	:: 1.4100 - 1.5700	:: 1.4988	:: 1.7388
-- Grade A Swiss Outs 6 - 9#	:: 2.1500 - 2.4000	:: 2.1500 - 2.4000	:: 2.1500 - 2.4000	:: 2.1500 - 2.4000	:: 2.2750	:: 2.3786

FLUID AND DRY PRODUCTS

SPOT PRICES OF CLASS II CREAM (\$ per lb. butterfat)

-- Northeast - f.o.b	:: 1.3643 - 1.5085	:: 1.3540 - 1.4971	:: 1.3156 - 1.4971	:: 1.2608 - 1.5000	:: 1.4122	:: 1.3076
-- Atlanta - dl vd. equiv.	:: 1.3643 - 1.6305	:: 1.3540 - 1.5962	:: 1.3156 - 1.4735	:: 1.2710 - 1.4350	:: 1.4300	:: 1.2979
-- Upper Midwest - f.o.b	:: 1.4198 - 1.5284	:: 1.3980 - 1.5215	:: 1.3367 - 1.4352	:: 1.3018 - 1.4076	:: 1.4186	:: 1.3102

PRICES OF CLASS III CONDENSED SKIM (\$ per lb. wet solids)

-- Northeast - f.o.b	:: 0.9900 - 1.1000	:: 0.9900 - 1.1050	:: 0.9900 - 1.1050	:: 0.9900 - 1.1050	:: 1.0469	:: 1.0636
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SPOT PRICES OF CLASS III CONDENSED SKIM (\$ per lb. wet solids)

-- Northeast - f.o.b	:: 0.8800 - 1.0000	:: 0.8700 - 1.0000	:: 0.8700 - 1.0000	:: 0.8700 - 1.0000	:: 0.9363	:: TFEWR
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WISCONSIN FLUID MILK SHIPMENTS

-- Loads Shipped from Wisconsin Shipping Points	:: 0	:: 0	:: 0	:: 0	:: 0	:: 0
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NATIONAL EVAPORATED MILK (\$ per Case)

(Case - 48 - 12 fluid oz cans)						
-- Delivered Major U.S. Cities	:: 21.0000 - 33.0000	:: 21.0000 - 33.0000	:: 21.0000 - 33.0000	:: 21.0000 - 33.0000	:: 27.0000	:: 27.5000

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COMMODITY	REPORT NUMBER				Average	
	14	15	16	17	2000	1999
	APR 03 - 07	APR 10 - 14	APR 17 - 21	APR 24 - 28	or Total	or Total
<b>DRY PRODUCTS</b>						
<b>NONFAT DRY MILK</b>						
-- Central (f.o.b.)						
-- Low/Medium Heat	:: 0.9900 - 1.0100 ::	0.9900 - 1.0100 ::	0.9900 - 1.0100 ::	0.9900 - 1.0100 ::	:: 1.0000	: 1.0228
-- Mostly	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100 ::	1.0000 - 1.0100 ::	1.0000 - 1.0100 ::	1.0000 - 1.0100 ::	:: 1.0050	: 1.0125
-- West (f.o.b.)						
-- Low/Medium Heat	:: 0.9800 - 1.0200 ::	0.9900 - 1.0150 ::	0.9900 - 1.0150 ::	0.9800 - 1.0150 ::	:: 1.0006	: 1.0009
-- Mostly	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100 ::	1.0000 - 1.0100 ::	1.0000 - 1.0100 ::	1.0000 - 1.0100 ::	:: 1.0050	: 1.0050
-- High Heat	:: 1.0150 - 1.0350 ::	1.0150 - 1.0300 ::	1.0150 - 1.0300 ::	1.0150 - 1.0400 ::	:: 1.0244	: 1.0350
-- Northeast (f.o.b.)						
-- Low/Medium Heat	:: 1.0000 - 1.0300 ::	1.0000 - 1.0300 ::	1.0000 - 1.0300 ::	1.0000 - 1.0300 ::	:: 1.0150	: 1.0350
-- Mostly	:: 1.0000 - 1.0200 ::	1.0000 - 1.0200 ::	1.0000 - 1.0200 ::	1.0000 - 1.0200 ::	:: 1.0100	: 1.0249
-- High Heat	:: 1.0400 - 1.0800 ::	1.0400 - 1.0800 ::	1.0400 - 1.0800 ::	1.0400 - 1.0800 ::	:: 1.0600	: 1.0850
-- Mostly	:: 1.0400 - 1.0600 ::	1.0400 - 1.0600 ::	1.0400 - 1.0600 ::	1.0400 - 1.0600 ::	:: 1.0500	: 1.0766
-- Southeast (Delvd)						
-- Extra & Grade A	:: 1.0300 - 1.1100 ::	1.0300 - 1.1100 ::	1.0300 - 1.1100 ::	1.0300 - 1.1100 ::	:: 1.0700	: 1.0843
<b>WHEY POWDER (Nonhygroscopic)</b>						
-- Central (f.o.b.)						
-- Mostly	:: 0.1700 - 0.1850 ::	0.1550 - 0.1850 ::	0.1550 - 0.1850 ::	0.1600 - 0.1850 ::	:: 0.1725	: 0.1726
-- West (f.o.b.)	:: 0.1700 - 0.1800 ::	0.1700 - 0.1800 ::	0.1700 - 0.1800 ::	0.1700 - 0.1800 ::	:: 0.1750	: 0.1774
-- Mostly	:: 0.1650 - 0.1925 ::	0.1600 - 0.1925 ::	0.1600 - 0.1900 ::	0.1600 - 0.1900 ::	:: 0.1763	: 0.1882
-- Northeast Extra Grade (f.o.b.)	:: 0.1700 - 0.1775 ::	0.1700 - 0.1750 ::	0.1675 - 0.1750 ::	0.1675 - 0.1750 ::	:: 0.1722	: 0.1810
-- Northeast Usph Grade A (f.o.b.)	:: 0.1750 - 0.1850 ::	0.1750 - 0.1850 ::	0.1650 - 0.1850 ::	0.1700 - 0.1850 ::	:: 0.1781	: 0.1693
-- Southeast Extra Grade (Delvd)	:: 0.1850 - 0.1950 ::	0.1850 - 0.1950 ::	0.1850 - 0.1950 ::	0.1850 - 0.1950 ::	:: 0.1900	: 0.1942
<b>WHEY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE</b>						
-- Central And West (f.o.b.)						
-- Extra Grade 34% Protein	:: 0.5500 - 0.5800 ::	0.5650 - 0.6000 ::	0.5775 - 0.6600 ::	0.6025 - 0.6600 ::	:: 0.5994	: 0.4619
-- Mostly	:: 0.5600 - 0.5700 ::	0.5650 - 0.5900 ::	0.5975 - 0.6075 ::	0.6125 - 0.6325 ::	:: 0.5919	: 0.4678
<b>ANIMAL FEED - WHEY</b>						
-- Central (f.o.b.)						
-- Milk Replacer	:: 0.1300 - 0.1600 ::	0.1300 - 0.1600 ::	0.1300 - 0.1600 ::	0.1300 - 0.1600 ::	:: 0.1450	: 0.1444
-- Roller Ground	:: 0.1600 - 0.1825 ::	0.1600 - 0.1825 ::	0.1600 - 0.1825 ::	0.1600 - 0.1800 ::	:: 0.1709	: 0.1910
-- Dextrose	:: 0.3050 - 0.3150 ::	0.3100 - 0.3250 ::	0.3100 - 0.3250 ::	0.3175 - 0.3375 ::	:: 0.3181	: 0.3185
<b>BUTTERMILK (Min. 30% protein)</b>						
-- Central (f.o.b.)						
-- West (f.o.b.)	:: 0.6750 - 0.7850 ::	0.7225 - 0.7850 ::	0.7625 - 0.8100 ::	0.7750 - 0.8400 ::	:: 0.7694	: 0.7100
-- Mostly	:: 0.6200 - 0.7500 ::	0.6500 - 0.7500 ::	0.6800 - 0.7800 ::	0.7000 - 0.7800 ::	:: 0.7138	: 0.6845
-- Northeast (f.o.b.)	:: 0.6800 - 0.7000 ::	0.6800 - 0.7000 ::	0.6800 - 0.7000 ::	0.7000 - 0.7400 ::	:: 0.6975	: 0.6755
-- Southeast (Delvd)	:: 0.7000 - 0.7400 ::	0.7200 - 0.7400 ::	0.7300 - 0.7700 ::	0.7400 - 0.7800 ::	:: 0.7400	: 0.7077
<b>WHOLE MILK POWDER</b>						
-- National						
-- National (f.o.b.)	:: 1.1375 - 1.2500 ::	1.1375 - 1.2500 ::	1.1375 - 1.2300 ::	1.1375 - 1.2500 ::	:: 1.1913	: 1.2418
<b>LACTOSE</b>						
-- Central And West (f.o.b.)						
-- Mostly	:: 0.1800 - 0.2550 ::	0.1800 - 0.2550 ::	0.1800 - 0.2550 ::	0.1800 - 0.2550 ::	:: 0.2175	: 0.1775
<b>CASEIN - Edible - National (f.o.b.)</b>						
-- Nonrestricted - Rennet	:: 2.0000 - 2.2000 ::	2.0000 - 2.2000 ::	2.0000 - 2.2000 ::	2.0000 - 2.2000 ::	:: 2.1000	: 1.9300
-- Nonrestricted - Acid	:: 2.0500 - 2.2000 ::	2.0500 - 2.2000 ::	2.0500 - 2.2000 ::	2.0500 - 2.2000 ::	:: 2.1250	: 1.9432

1/ Prices for all products are issued once a week and represent a value for the entire week. Monthly averages are based on weekly prices and are time-weighted according to the number of workdays in the month - Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays excluded. No monthly average is computed if one or more weekly prices are missing.

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE AVERAGES FOR APRIL 2000

COMMODITY	REPORT NUMBER 14				REPORT NUMBER 15				REPORT NUMBER 16				REPORT NUMBER 17				2000 *		1999 *	
	APR 3 - 7				APR 10 - 14				APR 17 - 21				APR 24 - 28				Monthly Average		Monthly Average	
BUTTER*																				
-- GRADE AA																				
--Monday	1.0900		1.0675		1.0300		1.0600													
--Tuesday																				
--Wednesday	1.1100		1.0500		1.0200		1.0800													
--Thursday																				
--Friday	1.1025		1.0400		#		1.1100							1.0691		1.0231				
--Weekly Average**	1.1008		1.0525		1.0250		1.0833													
CHEESE*																				
-- BARRELS																				
--Monday	1.0850		1.0775		1.0600		1.1000													
--Tuesday	1.0850		1.0775		1.0600		1.1000													
--Wednesday	1.0825		1.0750		1.0600		1.1000													
--Thursday	1.0825		1.0750		1.0950		1.1000													
--Friday	1.0775		1.0700		#		1.1000						1.0822		1.2739					
--Weekly Average**	1.0825		1.0750		1.0688		1.1000													
-- 40# BLOCKS																				
--Monday	1.1125		1.1075		1.0975		1.1100													
--Tuesday	1.1125		1.1050		1.0975		1.1050													
--Wednesday	1.1100		1.1025		1.0950		1.0925													
--Thursday	1.1100		1.1000		1.1000		1.0975													
--Friday	1.1075		1.1000		#		1.0975						1.1032		1.3224					
--Weekly Average**	1.1105		1.1030		1.0975		1.1005													
NONFAT DRY MILK*																				
-- EXTRA GRADE																				
--Monday	1.0300		1.0300		1.0300		1.0300													
--Tuesday	1.0300		1.0300		1.0300		1.0300													
--Wednesday	1.0300		1.0300		1.0300		1.0300													
--Thursday	1.0300		1.0300		1.0300		1.0300													
--Friday	1.0300		1.0300		#		1.0300						1.0300		1.0150					
--Weekly Average**	1.0300		1.0300		1.0300		1.0300													
-- GRADE A																				
--Monday	1.0300		1.0300		1.0300		1.0300													
--Tuesday	1.0300		1.0300		1.0300		1.0300													
--Wednesday	1.0300		1.0300		1.0300		1.0300													
--Thursday	1.0300		1.0300		1.0300		1.0300													
--Friday	1.0300		1.0300		#		1.0300						1.0300		1.0500					
--Weekly Average**	1.0300		1.0300		1.0300		1.0300													

\* Monthly averages are a simple average of all the closes during the month. Weekly and monthly averages are independent calculations.

\*\* Weekly averages are simple averages of the closes during the calendar week and are for information purposes. Should the week be split between two months, the weekly average will appear in the monthly report in which the Friday close is reported. # The CME was closed for the observance of Good Friday.

**A P R I L 2000 DEIP BID ACCEPTANCES**

ACCEPTANCE DATE	DESTINATION	QUANTITY (MT)	DEL. PERIOD	BONUS/MT
<b>NONFAT DRY MILK</b>				
JULY 1999 - MARCH 2000		86,929		
04/03	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	25	APR-MAY	\$675
04/06	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	80	APR-JUN	\$650
04/07	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	87	APR-NOV	\$700
04/10	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	20	APR-MAY	\$725
04/12	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	133	APR-AUG	\$709.90
04/13	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	148	APR-JUL	\$725
04/17	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	40	APR-JUL	\$725
04/18	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	930	APR-NOV	\$696.50
04/20	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	66	APR-JUL	\$687.12
04/21	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	300	APR-JUL	\$700
04/25	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	16	APR-JUN	\$745
04/26	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	86	APR-JUL	\$677.90
04/27	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	2,055	MAY-DEC	\$725
APRIL 1 - 30, 2000		<u>3,986</u>		
<b>WHOLE MILK POWDER</b>				
JULY 1999 - MARCH 2000		9,677		
04/20	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	540	MAY-DEC	\$1,200
04/28	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	15	APR-JUL	\$1,200
APRIL 1 - 30, 2000		<u>555</u>		
<b>CHEESE</b>				
JULY 1999 - MARCH 2000		1,668		
04/03-P	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	13	APR-JUN	\$630
04/06-C	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	38	APR-JUN	\$895
04/10-C	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	19	APR-JUN	\$895
04/21-M	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	19	MAY-JUN	\$750
APRIL 1 - 30, 2000		<u>89</u>		
C-CHEDDAR, G-GOUDA, M-MOZZARELLA, P-PROCESSED AMERICAN, CC-CREAM CHEESE, MJ-MONTEREY JACK, V - VARIETAL				
<b>BUTTERFAT</b>				
JULY 1999 - MARCH 2000		5,263		
APRIL 1 - 30, 2000		<u>0</u>		
A-ANHYDROUS MILKFAT, B-BUTTER				
<b>TOTAL MT</b>				<b>PROGRAM TO DATE</b>
<b>TOTAL BONUS VALUE</b>				108,167
				\$104,573.000

Exporters of U.S. milk powder, butterfat and cheddar cheese are aided under the Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP), created by Food Security Act of 1985 and extended by the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990. Export sales are facilitated through payment of bonuses by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation. Sales of dairy products will be made through normal commercial channels at competitive world prices. For further information call L.T. McElvain (202) 720-6211. Conversion: 1 metric ton (MT) = 2,204.6 pounds. **SOURCE: FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE**  
 \*\* On May 13, 1999, Sec. Glickman reallocated an additional 20,000 MT of NDM, 7,500 MT of Whole Milk Powder & 1,270 MT of Cheese for the current program year.

## DAIRY PRODUCTS, ANNUAL SUMMARY 1999

**Butter** production in the United States during 1999 totaled 1.28 billion pounds, 9.2 percent above 1998. California accounted for 26.9 percent of the production, followed by Wisconsin with 22.8 percent and Washington with 9.3 percent.

**Total cheese** production, excluding cottage cheeses, was 7.94 billion pounds, 6.0 percent above the 1998 production. Wisconsin was the leading State with 27.1 percent of the production, followed by California with 17.4 percent and New York with 8.6 percent.

**American type cheese** production was 3.58 billion pounds, 7.9 percent above 1998 and accounted for 45.0 percent of total cheese in 1999.

**Italian varieties**, with 3.14 billion pounds were 4.6 percent above 1998 production. Mozzarella accounted for 80.2 percent of the Italian production followed by Ricotta with 8.0 percent and Provolone with 7.1 percent. Wisconsin was the leading State in Italian cheese production with 27.5 percent of the production, followed by California with 22.0 percent and New York with 12.8 percent.

**Ice cream, Regular** totaled 954 million gallons, up 2 percent from 1998. Lowfat ice cream, at 394 million gallons, was down 3.2 percent.

**Nonfat dry milk** for human food production, at 1.38 billion pounds, was up 21.4 percent from 1998. California was the leading state with 47 percent of the production, followed by Washington with 13 percent. Dry whole milk production, at 118 million pounds, was down 17.2 percent. Dry whey for human food production, at 1.08 billion pounds, was down 1.1 percent.

**Source:** "Dairy Products 1999 Summary," Da 2-1(00), National Agricultural Statistics Service, Agricultural Statistics Board, USDA.

**ANNUAL PRODUCTION AND NUMBER OF PLANTS MANUFACTURING SELECTED DAIRY PRODUCTS,  
UNITED STATES, 1998 AND 1999**

Product	1998 Revised		1999		Percent 1999 production of 1998 production
	Plants	Production	Plants	Production	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Butter	86	1,167,983	83	1,275,042	109.2
Cheese Types:					
Cheddar	179	2,633,446	178	2,816,867	107.0
Other American <u>1/</u>	122	681,206	121	759,681	111.5
Total American	202	3,314,652	197	3,576,548	107.9
Swiss	42	206,408	38	220,466	106.8
Brick	22	7,578	20	8,123	107.2
Muenster	39	94,615	39	80,101	84.7
Cream & Neufchatel	31	621,335	32	646,928	104.1
Mozzarella	124	2,366,164	126	2,518,832	106.5
Other Italian	96	638,551	95	623,815	97.7
Total Italian	152	3,004,715	153	3,142,647	104.6
Total <u>2/</u>	398	7,492,119	376	7,944,032	106.0
Cottage Cheese, Curd <u>3/</u>	114	465,759	103	465,469	99.9
Cottage Cheese, Creamed <u>4/</u>	107	366,761	94	361,581	98.6
Cottage Cheese, Lowfat <u>5/</u>	102	361,246	92	360,340	99.7
Canned Evaporated &					
Condensed Whole Milk <u>6/</u>	8	461,520	7	470,021	101.8
Dry Whole Milk	15	142,523	17	117,991	82.8
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	48	1,135,383	47	1,378,190	121.4
Dry Buttermilk	28	50,093	23	53,835	107.5
Yogurt (Plain & Flavored)	90	1,638,992	86	1,746,181	106.5
Condensed Whey, Solids Content <u>7/</u>					
Sweet-Type, Human Food	10	99,186	8	106,183	107.1
Sweet-Type, Animal Feed	5	22,720	5	16,204	71.3
Dry Whey Products					
Dry Whey, Human Food	49	1,095,383	46	1,083,435	98.9
Dry Whey, Animal Feed	39	82,878	34	80,376	97.0
Lactose Total	29	467,649	29	473,825	101.3
Whey Protein Concentrate					
Human Food	32	265,893	31	327,978	123.3
Animal Feed	13	40,286	12	45,755	113.6
Frozen Products	<u>Number</u>	<u>1,000 gallons</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>1,000 gallons</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Ice Cream, Regular	---	935,080	---	954,066	102.0
Ice Cream, Lowfat <u>8/</u>	---	406,679	---	393,651	96.8
Milk Sherbet	---	54,592	---	54,910	100.6
Yogurt	---	97,246	---	94,675	97.4

1/ Includes colby, monterey and jack. 2/ Excluding cottage cheese. 3/ Mostly used for processing into creamed or lowfat cottage cheese. 4/ Fat content 4.0 percent or more. 5/ Fat content less than 4.0 percent, mostly 0.5 to 2.0 fat. 6/ Combined to avoid disclosing individual plant operations. 7/ Final marketable product only. Does not include quantity used or shipped to another plant for further processing into dry whey or modified dry whey products. 8/ Includes freezer-made milkshake.

**SOURCE:** "Dairy Products 1999 Summary," Da 2-1(00), National Agricultural Statistics Service, Agricultural Statistics Board, USDA.

## APRIL AGRICULTURAL PRICES HIGHLIGHTS

The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates in April 2000 was unchanged at 119. Compared with April 1999, the index was up 4 points (3.5 percent). The index of prices received by farmers for dairy products was unchanged during the month of April 2000 at 91. Compared with April 1999, the index was down 5 points (5.2 percent).

On a 3.5 percent butterfat basis, prices received by farmers in April with changes from March were: for All Milk, \$11.90 per hundredweight (cwt.), unchanged; for Fluid Grade Milk, \$12.00 per cwt., unchanged; and for Manufacturing Grade Milk, \$10.00 per cwt., down 10 cents.

## SELECTED MILK PRICES, COWS AND DAIRY FEED PRICES, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., APRIL 2000 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	All-milk price <sup>1/</sup> <sup>3/</sup>				Milk cows <sup>5/</sup>		Cows <sup>6/</sup>		All hay baled <sup>7/</sup>	
	Dollars per cwt.		Dollars per cwt.		Dollars per head		Dollars per cwt.		Dollars per ton	
	MARCH		APRIL		APRIL		APRIL		APRIL	
	2000	1999 <sup>2/</sup>	2000 <sup>4/</sup>	1999 <sup>2/</sup>	2000 <sup>4/</sup>	1999 <sup>2/</sup>	2000 <sup>7/</sup>	1999 <sup>8/</sup>	2000	1999
CA	10.90	13.99	11.20	12.30	1,500	1,340	36.00	35.70	98.00	95.00
ID	10.60	12.60	10.50	12.20	1,350	1,300	35.50	33.60	74.00	73.00
MI	12.60	16.50	12.60	12.80	1,400	1,200	40.70	35.00	72.00	80.00
MN	11.43	13.69	11.20	13.00	1,250	1,150	41.00	34.90	59.00	66.00
NY	12.80	16.00	12.90	12.50	1,200	1,150	---	---	103.00	102.00
OH	12.30	16.30	12.00	12.50	1,300	1,200	38.00	33.80	112.00	90.00
PA	13.30	17.20	13.40	13.30	1,300	1,250	39.70	34.60	136.00	117.00
TX	13.30	15.70	13.20	12.40	1,400	1,280	39.40	33.70	70.00	80.00
WA	12.40	15.70	12.70	13.30	1,290	1,285	---	---	104.00	89.00
WI	11.20	13.84	11.10	12.65	1,340	1,250	40.50	35.60	51.00	66.00
U.S.	11.90	15.20	11.90	12.60	1,340	1,240	39.60	35.10	80.70	81.90

<sup>1/</sup> Prices are shown at reported butterfat test. <sup>2/</sup> Partially revised. <sup>3/</sup> Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. <sup>4/</sup> Preliminary. <sup>5/</sup> Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. <sup>6/</sup> Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. <sup>7/</sup> Mid-month price. <sup>8/</sup> Entire month.

## MILK AND OTHER GENERAL PRICE MEASURES, U.S., APRIL 2000 WITH COMPARISONS

ITEM	APRIL 1999	MARCH 2000 <sup>2/</sup>	APRIL 2000 <sup>3/</sup>
<b>PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS</b> , dol. per cwt., 3.5 percent butterfat:			
All milk	12.60	11.90	11.90
Fluid grade milk	12.60	12.00	12.00
Manufacturing grade milk	12.20	10.10	10.00
<b>INDEX NUMBERS</b> (1990-92=100):			
Prices received by farmers for all farm products	96	95	99
Prices received by farmers for dairy products	96	91	91
Prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest taxes, and wage rates	115	119	119
Prices paid by farmers for production items	111	115	115
Prices paid by farmers for feed	102	102	102
<b>MILK FEED PRICE RATIO</b> : Pounds of 16% Mixed Dairy Feed equal in value to one pound of milk <sup>3/</sup>	2.97	2.90	2.81

<sup>1/</sup> Partially revised. <sup>2/</sup> Preliminary. <sup>3/</sup> For this data series, the price of the commercial prepared feed is based on current U.S. prices received for corn, soybeans, and alfalfa hay.

**SOURCE:** "Agricultural Prices," Pr 1 (4/00), Agricultural Statistics Board, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

## THE DAIRY SITUATION AND OUTLOOK

**Dairy Consumption Soared in 1999.** Dairy product consumption soared last year, despite the high and volatile prices of 1998-99. Per capita consumption was 598 pounds, milk equivalent, milkfat basis, the largest since the mid-sixties and up 16 pounds from a year earlier. Consumption also was strong on a skim solids basis, but neither the level nor the increase was as robust as on a milkfat basis.

Per person cheese use jumped 1.5 pounds last year to almost 30 pounds, the largest absolute increase ever and the largest percentage rise since 1982. Strong demand for away-from home eating played a role, as did general consumer indulgence. Use of American varieties, up a very strong 0.9 pound, provided the largest share of the consumption increase.

Per person consumption of butter in 1999 rose 0.3 pounds to 4.8 pounds. Last year's per capita use does not appear very impressive, only slightly larger than the long-term average. However, consumption in recent years has been essentially without any butter purchased under the price support program and donated to feeding programs, an important share of consumption in most earlier years. Excluding donations, 1999 per capita butter use was the largest since 1968.

Not all dairy products had growing consumption in 1999. Early indications of fluid product sales show that per capita use of fluid milk and cream struggled to hold the 1998 level, while use of most perishable manufactured products slipped. Meanwhile, per person use of nonfat dry milk fell below 3 pounds for the first time since 1993. Use of powder in other dairy products probably fell last year, and many nonfat or lowfat food products ceased production.

The last time per capita dairy consumption (excluding donations) had been as large as in 1999 was in 1965. However, the 1965 mix of individual products bore relatively little resemblance to last year's use. The most striking difference is the dramatic tripling in per capita cheese use. Cheese's convenience, versatility, variety, and ability to add flavor to dishes have been important attributes. The variety of cheeses readily available is much broader than it was for many consumers in the sixties. Most consumers in the sixties had a significantly narrower ethnic basis for their staple dishes and ate out a lot less. Lastly, pizza had not yet become a dinner staple and was still a novelty in parts of the country. By 1999, cheese accounted for more than 40 percent of total dairy consumption on a milkfat basis and about half on a skim solids basis.

In 1965, almost all the baby boom generation was still at home, buttressing demand for fluid milk and ice cream. Per person use of fluid milk and cream fell almost a fourth between 1965 and 1999 in terms of product weight. The decline in terms of milk equivalent was almost twice as large because of the decline in average fat content of fluid milk. However, decreased use was not solely because of demographics. Other beverages have definitely eroded milk's position as a beverage, even at mealtime. Ice cream has done a much better job of resisting demographic changes, falling only slightly during the 34 years.

Per capita sales of butter were slightly higher in 1965. The price-driven trend substitution of margarine for butter would not end until the early seventies. Per person sales then varied but stayed near 4 pounds until the recent increases. Use of other products followed divergent individual paths, but the total was about the same in 1999 and 1965.

**SOURCE:** "Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Situation and Outlook", LDP-M-70, April 27, 2000, Economic Research Service, USDA. For more information on the LDP report, contact James J. Miller, (202) 694-5184.

CCC PURCHASES OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

	FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1 - 5, 2000			CUMULATIVE TOTALS		UNCOMMITTED INVENTORIES	
	TOTAL PURCHASES	CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS	ADJUSTED PURCHASES	SINCE 10/01/99	SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR	PERIOD ENDING 04/28/00	SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR
<b>BUTTER</b>							
Bulk	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Packaged	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>TOTAL</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>CHEESE</b>							
Block	332,909	-0-	332,909	414,675	-0-	-0-	-0-
Barrel	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Process	673,200	-0-	673,200	4,276,800	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,006,109	-0-	1,006,109	4,691,475	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>NONFAT DRY MILK</b>							
NonFortified	15,893,690	-0-	15,893,690	271,922,086	78,615,711	-0-	-0-
Fortified	-0-	-0-	-0-	5,313,347	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>TOTAL</b>	15,893,690	-0-	15,893,690	277,235,433	78,615,711	-0-	-0-

MILK EQUIVALENT, MILKFAT AND SKIM SOLIDS BASIS, OF ADJUSTED PURCHASES (MILLION POUNDS)

	MILKFAT* BASIS	SKIM** SOLIDS	MILKFAT* BASIS	SKIM** SOLIDS
WEEK OF MAY 1 - 5, 2000 =	12.8	194.9	COMPARABLE WEEK IN 1999 =	2.2
CUMULATIVE SINCE OCTOBER 1, 1999 =	104.3	3,273.4	CUMULATIVE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR =	17.3
CUMULATIVE JANUARY 1 - MAY 5, 2000 =	93.1	2,680.3	COMPARABLE CALENDAR YEAR 1999 =	17.3

\* Factors used for Milkfat Solids Basis: Butter times 21.80; Cheese times 9.23; and Nonfat Dry Milk times 0.22

\*\* Factors used for Skim Solids Basis: Butter times 0.12; Cheese times 9.90; and Nonfat Dry Milk times 11.64

CCC ADJUSTED PURCHASES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1 - 5, 2000 (POUNDS)

REGION	BUTTER			CHEESE			NONFAT DRY MILK	
	BULK	PACKAGED	UNSALTED	BLOCK	BARREL	PROCESS	NONFORTIFIED	FORTIFIED
MIDWEST	-0-	-0-	-0-	332,909	-0-	673,200	1,988,832	-0-
WEST	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	13,904,858	-0-
EAST	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CCC ADJUSTED PURCHASES SINCE 10/1/99 AND SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (POUNDS) AND MILK EQUIVALENT AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL

REGION	BUTTER		CHEESE		NONFAT DRY MILK		MILK EQUIVALENT	
	1999/00	1998/99	1999/00	1998/99	1999/00	1998/99	1999/00	1998/99
MIDWEST	-0-	-0-	4,691,475	-0-	29,893,017	5,394,308	47.8	6.9
WEST	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	244,902,419	73,221,403	51.7	93.1
EAST	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	2,439,997	-0-	0.5	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	-0-	-0-	4,691,475	-0-	277,235,433	78,615,711	100.0	100.0

SUPPORT PURCHASE PRICES FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS PRODUCED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2000

MANUFACTURING MILK: Average Test 3.67% - \$9.90 per cwt.; 3.5% - \$9.80

DOLLARS PER POUND

BUTTER: Bulk \$.6500; 1# Prints \$.6800

CHEESE: 40 & 60# Blocks \$1.1000; 500# Barrels \$1.0700; Process American 5# \$1.1525; Process American 2# \$1.1925

NONFAT DRY MILK: Nonfortified \$1.0100; Fortified \$1.0200; Instant \$1.1675

Dairy Cow & Total Cow Slaughter under Federal Inspection, by Regions & U.S., for Week Ending 04/15/00 & Comparable Week 1999 1/ 2/

Regions*	U.S. TOTAL										% DAIRY OF ALL	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	WEEK	SINCE JAN 1
2000-Dairy cows HD (000)	0.2	0.9	5.5	4.7	19.1	2.7	0.8	1.1	10.4	3.3	48.8	843.1
1999-Dairy cows HD (000)	0.2	1.1	5.5	5.8	18.2	2.0	2.3	0.6	9.8	2.7	48.2	819.4
2000-All cows HD (000)	0.2	1.1	7.5	12.5	27.7	13.0	13.8	4.7	12.2	6.5	99.3	1,655.1
1999-All cows HD (000)	0.3	1.1	7.6	17.3	25.2	12.7	17.3	4.2	11.6	7.0	104.3	1,737.3

SOURCE: The slaughter data are gathered and tabulated in a cooperative effort by the Agricultural Marketing Service, The Food Safety and Inspection Service, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service, all of USDA.

1/ States included in regions are as follows: Region 1--ME, NH, VT, CT, MA, and RI; Region 2--NY and NJ; Region 3--DE, PA, WV, VA, and MD; Region 4--KY, TN, NC, SC, GA, AL, MS, and FL; Region 5--MI, OH, IN, IL, WI, and MN; Region 6--TX, OK, NM, AR, and LA; Region 7--IA, NB, KS, and MO; Region 8--MT, WY, CO, UT, ND, and SD; Region 9--CA, NV, AZ, and HA; Region 10--ID, OR, and WA. 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

FEDERAL MILK ORDER CLASS PRICES FOR 2000 (3.5% BF)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Class I 1/	10.90	10.71	10.84	10.93	11.48							
Class II	11.43	11.51	11.71	12.10								
Class III	10.05	9.54	9.54	9.41								
Class IV	10.73	10.80	11.00	11.38								

1/ Specific order differentials to be added to this base price are located at: [www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/fmor\\_announce.htm](http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/fmor_announce.htm)