

## Fluid Milk and Cream - Central U.S.

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Milk output is continuing its steady and seasonal rise throughout the region. South Central contacts, particularly, relay more noticeable milk output/component level increases than their counterparts in the Midwest and Upper Midwest. All said, milk availability is accessible for all Classes. Class I intakes are steady week to week. School districts are back on generally normal schedules until the culmination of the spring term. Cheesemakers in the Upper Midwest relayed quieter spot milk offers this week. There is still some ongoing plant downtime in the area, but spot milk prices moved up on the low-end this week: from \$3.50- to \$1-under Class III. Comparing that to last week and last year, there are some notable differences. Last week's reported range was \$2.50 lower on the bottom of the range. Last year, during week 16, prices were \$11- to \$4-under Class III. Cream trading and values are variant from early to late week. Ice cream production is ticking up, but Class III and IV end users are still reporting multiples below the 1.00 mark. Some expect warmer weather and seasonal increases in Class II and Class III usage to thin the overall cream pool in the next few weeks. The reported cream multiple range, though, continued to widen this week.

Price Range - Class III Milk; \$/CWT; Spot Basis: - 3.50 - -1.00

Trade Activity: Moderate

Midwestern U.S. F.O.B. Cream				
Commodity			Low Price	High Price
Cream	All Classes	\$/LB Butterfat	2.7897	3.7587
Cream	All Classes	Multiples Range	0.9500	1.2800
Cream	Class II	\$/LB Butterfat	3.5238	3.7587
Cream	Class II	Multiples Range	1.2000	1.2800

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