

Mailbox Milk Prices for Selected Reporting Areas in Federal Milk Orders and California, October 2016, With Comparisons

In October 2016, mailbox milk prices for selected reporting areas in Federal milk orders averaged \$16.40 per cwt, down \$0.70 per cwt from the September 2016 average and down \$1.20 per cwt from the October 2015 average. The component tests of producer milk in October 2016 were: butterfat, 3.82%; protein, 3.18%; and other solids, 5.73%. When compared to the previous month, the October Mailbox prices decreased in all 19 Federal milk order reporting areas. The Ohio reporting area decreased \$1.28 per cwt, while the Appalachian States reporting area decreased only \$0.22 per cwt when compared to the previous month. Averaged over all Federal milk order reporting areas, the October 2016 Mailbox price decreased an average of \$0.68 per cwt. Mailbox prices in October 2016 ranged from \$18.62 in Florida to \$14.40 in the Michigan reporting area.

Reporting Area ¹	Mailbox Milk Price ²		
	October 2015	September 2016	October 2016
	<i>(dollars per hundredweight)</i>		
New England States ³	19.29	18.13	17.73
New York	17.95	16.82	16.44
Eastern Pennsylvania ⁴	18.06	16.86	16.53
Appalachian States ⁵	18.83	18.00	17.78
Southeast States ⁶	18.92	18.48	17.84
Southern Missouri ⁷	19.35	18.66	18.34
Florida	19.76	19.65	18.62
Western Pennsylvania ⁸	18.27	17.04	16.42
Ohio	18.09	17.26	15.98
Indiana	16.99	16.80	16.04
Michigan	16.78	15.32	14.40
Wisconsin	17.85	17.78	16.93
Minnesota	17.63	17.63	16.95
Iowa	17.35	17.59	17.21
Illinois	17.98	17.55	16.88
Corn Belt States ⁹	16.70	16.36	15.55
Western Texas ¹⁰	16.71	16.69	15.72
New Mexico	15.55	15.63	14.64
Northwest States ¹¹	17.35	17.13	16.40
All Federal Order Areas ¹²	17.60	17.10	16.40
California ¹³	15.82	15.63	15.13

¹ Areas for which prices are reported for at least 75% of the milk marketed under Federal milk orders.

² Net pay prices received by dairy farmers for milk. Prices reflect all payments received for milk sold and all costs associated with marketing the milk. Prices are weighted averages of the prices reported for all orders receiving milk from the reporting area and are reported at the average butterfat tests. Prices include, for the most part, the assessment under the Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) program.

³ Includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

⁴ Includes all counties to the east of those listed in ⁸.

⁵ Includes Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

⁶ Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

⁷ Includes the counties Vernon, Cedar, Polk, Dallas, Laclede, Texas, Dent, Crawford, Washington, St. Francois, and Perry, and all those to the south of these.

⁸ The counties of Warren, Elk, Clearfield, Indiana, Westmoreland, and Fayette, and all those counties to the west of these.

⁹ Includes Kansas, Nebraska, and the Missouri counties to the north of those listed in ⁷.

¹⁰ Includes all counties to the west of Fanin, Hunt, Van Zandt, Henderson, Houston, Cherokee, Nacogdoches, and Shelby.

¹¹ Includes Oregon and Washington.

¹² Weighted average of prices for all selected reporting areas.

¹³ Calculated by California Department of Food and Agriculture, and published at:

<https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/dairy/uploader/postings/mailboxmap/Default.aspx>

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