

Mailbox Milk Prices for Selected Reporting Areas in Federal Milk Orders and California, May 2015, With Comparisons

In May 2015, mailbox milk prices for selected reporting areas in Federal milk orders averaged \$16.60 per cwt, up \$0.16 per cwt from the revised April 2015 average, and down \$7.77 per cwt from the May 2014 average. The component tests of producer milk in May 2015 were: butterfat, 3.66%; protein, 3.05%; and other solids, 5.76%. When compared to the previous month, the May Mailbox prices increased in 14 Federal milk order reporting areas, decreased in 3 Federal milk order reporting areas, and remained unchanged in the Florida and Iowa Federal milk order reporting areas with a simple average increase of \$0.12 per cwt. The Northwest States experienced the greatest increase of \$1.12 per cwt while Indiana experienced the greatest decrease of \$0.23 per cwt. Mailbox prices in May 2015 ranged from \$18.07 in the New England States to \$14.63 in New Mexico.

Reporting Area ¹	Mailbox Milk Price ²		
	May 2014	Apr 2015	May 2015
	<i>(dollars per hundredweight)</i>		
New England States ³	25.91	17.97	18.07
New York	25.16	16.55	16.68
Eastern Pennsylvania ⁴	25.12	16.41	16.48
Appalachian States ⁵	25.77	16.54 *	16.49
Southeast States ⁶	26.12	16.61 *	16.69
Southern Missouri ⁷	24.63	15.95 *	15.99
Florida	27.41	17.77 *	17.77
Western Pennsylvania ⁸	24.87	16.72	16.75
Ohio	24.45	16.79	16.84
Indiana	23.87	16.04 *	15.81
Michigan	23.90	15.58	15.48
Wisconsin	24.38	17.51	17.66
Minnesota	24.47	17.36	17.56
Iowa	24.83	16.65	16.65
Illinois	24.80	16.79 *	16.82
Corn Belt States ⁹	23.32	15.56 *	15.72
Western Texas ¹⁰	22.96	15.49	15.71
New Mexico	21.77	14.39	14.63
Northwest States ¹¹	23.85	15.69	16.81
All Federal Order Areas ¹²	24.37	16.44 *	16.60
California ¹³	21.72	14.43	14.72

* Revised from previously published report

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

<http://cdfa.ca.gov/dairy/uploader/docs/MailBox%20Data%202014.pdf>

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