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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADVANCED CLASS PRICES AND PRICING FACTORS
FOR MARCH 2006

	PRICE @ 3.5% BF <i>(per cwt.)</i>	SKIM MILK PRICE <i>(per cwt.)</i>	BUTTERFAT PRICE <i>(per lb.)</i>
CLASS I PRICE	\$15.59	\$11.05 *	\$1.4078
Transportation Credit	.095	.095	.00095
Processor Assessment **	<u>.20</u>	<u>.20</u>	<u>.0020</u>
Total	\$15.885	\$11.345	\$1.41075
 CLASS II PRICE		 \$ 7.52	

FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR MARCH 2006

Advanced Pricing Factors:

Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i>	\$7.95
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i>	\$6.82
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.3768

NASS Product Price Averages for the Two Most Recent Weeks Ending February 11, 2006:

Cheese <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.2923
Butter <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.2623
Nonfat Dry Milk <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$0.9053
Dry Whey <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$0.3532

* Class I skim milk price is announced at the higher of the advanced Class III or IV skim milk pricing factors plus the base zone (Mecklenburg County, NC) differential of \$3.10 and is subject to location adjustments.

** The processor assessment is an obligation under the Fluid Milk Promotion Order (7 CFR § 1160.101 *et seq.*). The Order requires that all persons who process and market commercially more than 3,000,000 pounds of fluid milk products in consumer-type packages in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia on a monthly basis, excluding those fluid milk products delivered to the residence of a consumer, be assessed 20 cents per hundredweight on all marketings of such packaged fluid milk products during the month.