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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES FOR MARCH 2005**  
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<b><u>NASS Survey Price Quotations</u></b>	<b><u>2 Week Average February 5-12, 2005</u></b>	<b><u>March 2005 Average</u></b>
Weighted Average Cheddar Cheese	\$1.6482	\$1.5061
AA Butter	\$1.5865	\$1.5549
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$0.8964	\$0.9083
Dry Whey	\$0.2479	\$0.2513

<b><u>March 2005</u></b>	<b><u>Class I Price/Cwt.</u></b>	<b><u>Skim Price/Cwt.</u></b>	<b><u>B.F. Price/Lbs</u></b>
Class I Price *			
Formula Price	\$18.53	\$12.69	\$1.7968
Transportation Credit	.065	.065	.00065
Processor Assessment **	.20	.20	.0020
Hurricane Relief ***	.000	.000	.00000
Total	<u>\$18.795</u>	<u>\$12.955</u>	<u>\$1.79945</u>
Class II Price *	\$13.25	\$7.44	\$1.7349
Class III Price	\$14.08	\$8.32	\$1.7279
Class IV Price	\$12.66	\$6.85	\$1.7279

\* Class I prices and the Class II skim price as announced on or before 23<sup>rd</sup> of last month. Class I is announced at base zone 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.

\*\*\* A final rule has been announced that amends § 1005.60 of the Appalachian Federal Milk Marketing Order, on an emergency basis. For a 3-month period beginning January 1, 2005, the rule implements a supplemental increase in the Class I milk price at a rate not to exceed \$.04 per hundredweight of milk in the Appalachian Order. The amount generated will be disbursed during February 2005 through April 2005 to qualifying handlers who incurred extraordinary transportation costs as a result of the hurricanes experienced in August and September 2004.

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