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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES FOR MARCH 2010

	PRICE @ 3.5% BF <i>(per cwt.)</i>	SKIM MILK PRICE <i>(per cwt.)</i>	BUTTERFAT PRICE <i>(per lb.)</i>
CLASS I PRICE ^{1/}	\$17.74	\$13.00	\$1.4855
Transportation Credit	0.15	0.15	0.0015
Processor Assessment ^{2/}	<u>0.20</u>	<u>0.20</u>	<u>0.002</u>
Total	\$18.09	\$13.35	\$1.4890
CLASS II PRICE	\$14.46	\$9.39 ^{1/}	\$1.5417
CLASS III PRICE	\$12.78	\$7.68	\$1.5347
CLASS IV PRICE	\$12.92	\$7.82	\$1.5347

FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR MARCH 2010

NASS Product Price Averages:	MARCH 2010 Monthly Averages	2 Week Averages Ending February 13, 2010 ^{1/}
Cheese <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.3632	\$1.5174
Butter <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.4388	\$1.3701
Nonfat Dry Milk <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.0454	\$1.1431
Dry Whey <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$0.3761	\$0.3928

Advanced Pricing Factors ^{1/}:

Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i>	\$9.60
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i>	\$8.69
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.4515

^{1/} As announced on or before the 23rd of the previous month. 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 \$3.40 and is subject to location adjustments.

^{2/} 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.