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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES FOR MARCH 2017

	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/}	\$20.30	\$12.05	\$2.4768
Transportation Credit	0.15	0.15	0.0015
<u>Processor Assessment ^{2/}</u>	<u>0.20</u>	<u>0.20</u>	<u>0.002</u>
Total	\$20.65	\$12.40	\$2.4803
CLASS II PRICE	\$16.21	\$8.00 ^{1/}	\$2.4246
CLASS III PRICE	\$15.81	\$7.61	\$2.4176
CLASS IV PRICE	\$14.32	\$6.07	\$2.4176

FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR MARCH 2017

Product Price Averages:	MARCH 2017 Monthly Averages	2 Week Averages Ending February 18, 2017 ^{1/}
Cheese <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.5551	\$1.6889
Butter <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$2.1679	\$2.1887
Nonfat Dry Milk <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$0.8493	\$0.9875
Dry Whey <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$0.5239	\$0.4876

Advanced Pricing Factors ^{1/}:

Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i>	\$8.65
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i>	\$7.30
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$2.4428

^{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 20-cent per hundredweight processor assessment is an obligation under the Fluid Milk Promotion Order (7CFR§1160.101 et seq.) imposed on any person who processes and markets commercially more than 3 million pounds of packaged fluid milk products on a monthly basis. Deliveries to consumer residences are excluded. Effective February 29, 2016, processors of certified "organic" and "100 percent organic" fluid milk products may apply for an organic assessment exemption for those products.