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Announcement Of Class I Skim Milk And Butterfat And Class II Skim Milk Prices for January 2006

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NASS Survey Price Quotations for Two Most Recent Weeks Ending December 17, 2005

| Weighted Average Cheddar Cheese | \$1.3979 |
|--|------------------------------|
| AA Butter | \$1.3663 |
| Nonfat Dry Milk | \$1.0018 |
| Dry Whey | \$0.3244 |
| Advance Pricing Factors: Class III Class IV Butterfat | \$8.42 \$7.68 \$1.5016 |

| January 2006 | Class I Price Per Cwt. | Skim Milk Price Per Cwt. | Butterfat Price Per Lb. |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Class I Price * | \$16.48 | \$11.52 | \$1.5326 |
| Transportation Crea | dit ^{1/} .095 | .095 | .00095 |
| Processor Assessm | nent ** <u>.20</u> | .20 | .0020 |
| Total ** | \$16.775 | \$11.815 | \$1.53555 |
| Class II Skim Milk F | Price | \$8.38 | |

* Class I skim milk is announced at the higher of the Class III or IV advance 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 <u>et seq</u>.). 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.

^{1/} The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced a final rule that amends the Appalachian and Southeast Milk Marketing Orders on October 12, 2005. The final rule increases the transportation credit from \$0.065 per cwt to \$0.095 per cwt effective November 1, 2005.