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# ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADVANCED CLASS PRICES AND PRICING FACTORS

## FOR FEBRUARY 2006

	PRICE @ 3.5% BF (per cwt.)	SKIM MILK PRICE (per cwt.)	BUTTERFAT PRICE (per lb.)
CLASS I PRICE	\$16.48	\$11.61 *	\$1.5081
Transportation Credit	.095	.095	.00095
Processor Assessment **	.20	.20	.0020
Total	\$16.775	\$11.905	\$1.51105
CLASS II PRICE		\$ 8.17	

## FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR FEBRUARY 2006

#### **Advanced Pricing Factors:**

Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.)	\$8.51
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.)	\$7.47
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor (per lb.)	\$1.4771

### NASS Product Price Averages for the Two Most Recent Weeks Ending January 14, 2006:

Cheese (per lb.)	\$1.3895
Butter (per lb.)	\$1.3459
Nonfat Dry Milk (per lb.)	\$0.9782
Dry Whey (per lb.)	\$0.3394

\* 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 <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.