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# ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADVANCED CLASS PRICES AND PRICING FACTORS FOR FEBRUARY 2017

	PRICE @ 3.5% BF	SKIM MILK PRICE (per cwt.)	BUTTERFAT PRICE
CLASS I PRICE 1/	\$20.13	\$11.60 <sup>1/</sup>	\$2.5532
Transportation Credit	0.15	0.15	0.0015
Processor Assessment 2/	0.20	0.20	0.0020
Total	\$20.48	\$11.95	\$2.5567
CLASS II PRICE		\$8.29	

#### **FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR FEBRUARY 2017**

# Advanced Pricing Factors 1/2:

Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.)	\$8.20
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.)	\$7.59
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor (per lb.)	\$2.5192

## Product Price Averages for the Two Most Recent Weeks Ending January 14, 2017:

EIA Average Diesel Fuel Price (per gallon) 3/:	\$2.472	
MILEAGE RATE FACTOR (per cwt per mile):	\$0.00438	
Dry Whey (per lb.)	\$0.4322	
Nonfat Dry Milk (per lb.)	\$1.0198	
Butter (per lb.)	\$2.2518	
Cheese (per lb.)	\$1.7027	

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

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<sup>2/</sup> 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.

<sup>3/</sup> A simple average of the four most recent weeks of the Energy Information Administration's (of the U.S. Department of Energy) announced diesel fuel prices for the Lower Atlantic and Gulf Coast regions is used to determine the variable Mileage Rate Factor (§ 1005.83).