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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES FOR MARCH 2006**

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|                                | <b>PRICE @ 3.5% BF</b><br><i>(per cwt.)</i> | <b>SKIM MILK PRICE</b><br><i>(per cwt.)</i> | <b>BUTTERFAT PRICE</b><br><i>(per lb.)</i> |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>CLASS I PRICE *</b>         | <b>\$15.59</b>                              | <b>\$11.05</b>                              | <b>\$1.4078</b>                            |
| Transportation Credit          | .095  | .095  | .00095                                     |
| <u>Processor Assessment **</u> | <u>.20</u>                                  | <u>.20</u>                                  | <u>.0020</u>                               |
| Total                          | \$15.885                                    | \$11.345                                    | \$1.41075                                  |
| <b>CLASS II PRICE</b>          | <b>\$11.69</b>                              | <b>\$ 7.52 *</b>                            | <b>\$1.2666</b>                            |
| <b>CLASS III PRICE</b>         | <b>\$11.11</b>                              | <b>\$6.94</b>                               | <b>\$1.2596</b>                            |
| <b>CLASS IV PRICE</b>          | <b>\$10.68</b>                              | <b>\$6.50</b>                               | <b>\$1.2596</b>                            |

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**FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR MARCH 2006**

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| <b>NASS Product Price Averages:</b> | <b>March 2006</b><br><b>Monthly Averages</b> | <b>2 Week Averages</b><br><b>Ending February 11, 2006 *</b> |
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| Cheese <i>(per lb.)</i>             | \$1.1612                                     | \$1.2923  |
| Butter <i>(per lb.)</i>             | \$1.1647                                     | \$1.2623  |
| Nonfat Dry Milk <i>(per lb.)</i>    | \$0.8697                                     | \$0.9053  |
| Dry Whey <i>(per lb.)</i>           | \$0.3409                                     | \$0.3532  |

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**Advanced Pricing Factors \*:**

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|---|----------|
| Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i> | \$7.95   |
| Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i>  | \$6.82   |
| Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor <i>(per lb.)</i>            | \$1.3768 |

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\* As announced on or before the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 \$3.10 and is subject to location adjustments.

\*\* 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.