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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES FOR MARCH 2009

	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/}	\$12.83	\$9.21	\$1.1258
Transportation Credit	0.15	0.15	0.0015
Processor Assessment ^{2/}	<u>0.20</u>	<u>0.20</u>	<u>0.002</u>
Total	\$13.18	\$9.56	\$1.1293
CLASS II PRICE	\$10.36	\$6.51 ^{1/}	\$1.1664
CLASS III PRICE	\$10.44	\$6.61	\$1.1594
CLASS IV PRICE	\$9.64	\$5.78	\$1.1594

FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR MARCH 2009

NASS Product Price Averages:	MARCH 2009 Monthly Averages	2 Week Averages Ending February 14, 2009 ^{1/}
Cheese <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.2611	\$1.1414
Butter <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.1289	\$1.0731
Nonfat Dry Milk <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$0.8166	\$0.8195
Dry Whey <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$0.1662	\$0.1545

Advanced Pricing Factors ^{1/}:

Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i>	\$5.57
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i>	\$5.81
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.0918

^{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 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.