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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES FOR DECEMBER 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/}	\$17.39	\$12.71	\$1.4650
Transportation Credit	0.15	0.15	0.0015
Processor Assessment ^{2/}	<u>0.20</u>	<u>0.20</u>	<u>0.002</u>
Total	\$17.74	\$13.06	\$1.4685
CLASS II PRICE	\$14.25	\$9.14 ^{1/}	\$1.5503
CLASS III PRICE	\$14.98	\$9.93	\$1.5433
CLASS IV PRICE	\$15.01	\$9.96	\$1.5433

FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR DECEMBER 2009

NASS Product Price Averages:	DECEMBER 2009 Monthly Averages	2 Week Averages Ending November 14, 2009 ^{1/}
Cheese <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.5969	\$1.5113
Butter <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.4459	\$1.3532
Nonfat Dry Milk <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.2858	\$1.1147
Dry Whey <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$0.3668	\$0.3452

Advanced Pricing Factors ^{1/}:

Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i>	\$9.31
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i>	\$8.44
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.4310

^{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.