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## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES FOR MARCH 2010**

	PRICE @ 3.5% BF (per cwt.)	SKIM MILK PRICE (per cwt.)	BUTTERFAT PRICE (per lb.)
CLASS I PRICE 1/	\$17.74	\$13.00	\$1.4855
Transportation Credit	0.15	0.15	0.0015
Processor Assessment 2/	0.20	0.20	0.002
Total	\$18.09	\$13.35	\$1.4890
CLASS II PRICE	\$14.46	\$9.39 <sup>1/</sup>	\$1.5417
CLASS III PRICE	\$12.78	\$7.68	\$1.5347
CLASS IV PRICE	\$12.92	\$7.82	\$1.5347

FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR MARCH 2010			
NASS Product Price Averages:	MARCH 2010 Monthly Averages	2 Week Averages Ending February 13, 2010 <sup>1/</sup>	
Cheese (per lb.)	\$1.3632	\$1.5174	
Butter (per lb.)	\$1.4388	\$1.3701	
Nonfat Dry Milk (per lb.)	\$1.0454	\$1.1431	
Dry Whey (per lb.)	\$0.3761	\$0.3928	
Advanced Pricing Factors <sup>1/</sup> :			
Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.)	\$9.60		
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.)	\$8.69		
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor (per lb.)	\$1.4515		

1/ 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 \$3.40 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.

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