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## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES FOR JANUARY 2012**

	PRICE @ 3.5% BF (per cwt.)	SKIM MILK PRICE (per cwt.)	BUTTERFAT PRICE (per lb.)
CLASS I PRICE 1/	\$22.20	\$16.57	\$1.7735
Transportation Credit	0.15	0.15	0.0015
Processor Assessment 2/	0.20	0.20	0.002
Total	\$22.55	\$16.92	\$1.7770
CLASS II PRICE	\$17.67	\$12.05 <sup>1/</sup>	\$1.7248
CLASS III PRICE	\$17.05	\$11.44	\$1.7178
CLASS IV PRICE	\$16.56	\$10.93	\$1.7178

FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR JANUARY 2012			
NASS Product Price Averages:	JANUARY 2012 Monthly Averages	2 Week Averages Ending December 17, 2011 <sup>1/</sup>	
Cheese (per lb.)	\$1.6097	\$1.8102	
Butter (per lb.)	\$1.5900	\$1.6079	
Nonfat Dry Milk (per lb.)	\$1.3942	\$1.4419	
Dry Whey (per lb.)	\$0.6876	\$0.6549	
Advanced Pricing Factors <sup>1/</sup> :			
Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.)	\$13.17		
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.)	\$11.35		
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor (per lb.)	\$1.7395		

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 <u>et seq</u>.). 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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